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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 04/03/2001

To: National Security

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

Bangkok
Milwaukee

ND- 3D/TGU/5425

ALAT [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

From: Minneapolis

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 163E-BK-342 (Pending)

Title: HOUA LY - Victim;

[REDACTED] - Victim;

FPC - Laos

Synopsis: Status of obtaining Subpoenas regarding [REDACTED]

Reference: 163E-BK-342 Serial 279
163E-BK-342 Serial 388
2-MP-55311 Serial 61

Details: For the information of Bangkok, per referenced leads requesting Minneapolis to obtain subpoenas to serve [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As a result, Minneapolis has been in continual dialog with the Minnesota United States Attorneys Office concerning, the best way to obtain the subpoenas. It is Minneapolis' understanding that the USAO has been concerned about the possible lack of federal jurisdiction and a unwillingness, again from a legal jurisdiction standpoint, to utilize Minneapolis' neutrality matter investigation (2-MP-55311) to obtain the subpoenas.

This matter was subsequently brought to the attention of the Minneapolis CDC, who after careful review, proposed a number of violations that could be used in the context of captioned matter.

However, in the meantime, AUSA [REDACTED], who had been assigned to this matter, had left the USAO to take a state judgeship. AUSA [REDACTED] was reassigned to this matter and has been contacted and these same issues have been brought to her

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To: National Security From: Minneapolis
Re: 163E-BK-342, 04/03/2001

attention. Minneapolis is optimistic that the subpoenas will be obtained shortly.

To: National Security From: Minneapolis
Re: 163E-BK-342, 04/03/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

NATIONAL SECURITY

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2:

BANGKOK

AT BANGKOK, THAILAND

Read and clear.

Set Lead 3:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WI

Read and clear.

Set Lead 4:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Obtain FGJ Subpoenas and serve to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Secondly, review data and
initiate logical leads.

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Name

SquadFrom: Bangkok

Name of Office

Subject: Request to Forward Attachments
(Our Files BK-199M-0)

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FAX TRANSMISSION

Office of the Legal Attache
United States Embassy
Bangkok, Thailand 96546
Telephone [REDACTED]
Fax #: 011-66-2-254-1172

PRIORITY HANDLING REQUESTED

To: Special File Room
FBIHQ

Date: August 25, 2000

Fax #: 0011-202-324-6851

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Voice #:

From:

[REDACTED]
Acting Legal Attache

Subject: Request to forward attachments
(Our file BK 199M-0)

Comments:
Dear SFR,

Kindly make appropriate copies of the classified attachments and **HAND-CARRY** (or secure fax) them to the following addressees:

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2. SA [REDACTED] Green Bay RA (Milwaukee Division)
3. SSA [REDACTED] Milwaukee HQ Office
4. SA [REDACTED] Fresno RA (Sacramento Division)
5. Legat Ottawa
6. SSA [REDACTED] Room 5425, FBIHQ
7. SSA [REDACTED] IOB, IOS, IOU II, Room 7458
8. SA [REDACTED] Pinellas Resident Agency

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The communication has enclosures which cannot be transmitted via e-mail.

Many thanks for your assistance.

[REDACTED]

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~~SECRET~~**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/24/2000

To: ~~Sacramento~~Attn: ~~VSA~~

Tampa

Minneapolis

Milwaukee

Ottawa

Counterterrorism

Investigative Services

SA [redacted]
Pinellas Resident Agency

SA [redacted] Squad 5

Green Bay RA;

SSA [redacted]

SSA [redacted], Room 5425

SSA [redacted]

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From: Bangkok

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: (U) BK 199M-0
(U) 199M-TP-51075 (Closed)

Title: (U) INFORMATION CONCERNING
The Lao Liberal Democratic Movement &
Freedom Fighters (LLDMFF)

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IT - Other

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FOR THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS IN DEVELOPING LEADS
ONLY. IT MAY NOT BE DISSEMINATED TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES WITHOUT
PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE ORIGINATOR.

Synopsis: (U) To forward background information to receiving
offices and request for inquiry to Sacramento Division.

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To: Sacramento From: Bangkok
Re: (U) BK 199M-0, 08/24/2000

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

SACRAMENTO

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

(U) ~~(S)~~ Sacramento is requested to initiate a preliminary inquiry on the LLDMMFF, Central Representative office at 2121 Broadway Street, Sacramento, CA, Phone [redacted] and other as yet unidentified associates to determine whether their political activities pose a security threat to the US and/or violate the Neutrality Act. Provide results of the inquiry to Bangkok for dissemination to the Department of State and Embassies in Bangkok and Vientiane.

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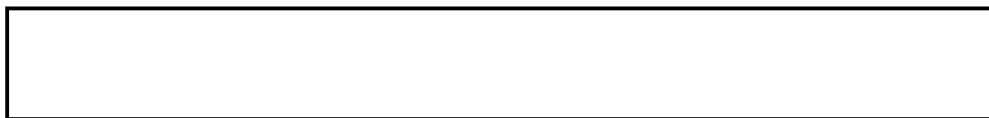
Set Lead 2: (Adm)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) For information and clear.

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Lao Liberal Democratic Movement & Freedom Fighters

Central Representative 2121 Broadway Street P.O. Box 189486, Sacramento, CA. 95818 U.S.A.

August 1, 2000



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The Ambassador of the United States of America
95 Wireless Rd.
Bangkok 10330 Thailand

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Your Excellency,

Since the beginning of March 2000, the Lao Liberal Democratic Party has urged Lao people inside and outside of the country to involve actively in fighting for democracy in Laos. On behalf of the Lao Liberal Democratic Party, which has always been struggling for peaceful change in Laos, it is my duty to submit to your highest consideration the new instability and insecurity, occurring right now in the whole country because of a recent spate of bombings in the capital and big cities of Laos.

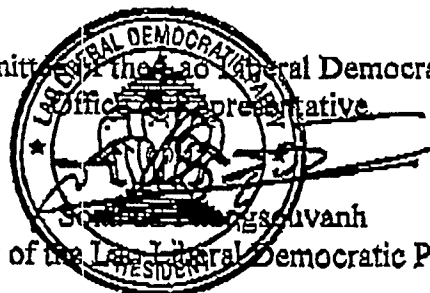
For 25 years, this is the first time the Lao government admitted a spate of bombings in Vientiane since March this year was the work of "a movement attempting to overthrow the ruling communist party", and accused the Thai government of supporting these fights. Once again, on behalf of the Lao Liberal Democratic Party, I strongly deny these accusations. The Thai government has no policy to support our movement, and therefore would not be involved in such behaviors. Our policy is not fighting to overthrow the Lao government. We, the Lao Liberal Democratic Party are fighting to achieve Democracy and Freedom for the Lao People. We would hope to officially meet to resolve these issues as soon as possible.

Failure to acknowledge our movement and make immediate preparation for a meeting to resolve these issues will only result in further escalations of our actions, if a response is not forthcoming, and the Lao government must be responsible for all the consequences. I kindly submit this statement to your highest consideration, and avoid the consequences that would hinder progress to all, including the closing off the majority highways and disruption of public utilities.

In closing, I highly suggest Your Excellency to persuade the Lao government to concede that Lao Liberal Democratic Movement do not fight against the current government, or against its members. We fight for liberal democracy, leading to the building of national solidarity, and mutual comprehension between Laotians, in our quest to guarantee all of the basic human rights of the Lao people. Hopefully, human and civil rights will be once again given back to the Lao people after the Lao government agrees with us to resolve problems in a peaceful way.

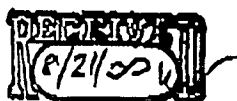
Respectfully yours,

Central Committee of the Lao Liberal Democratic Party
Office Representative



President of the Lao Liberal Democratic Party.

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Room

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From: SFR
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Originator's Facsimile Number: (002)Approved: mw

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Office of the Legal Attache
United States Embassy
Bangkok, Thailand 96546

Telephone #: [REDACTED]

Fax #: 011-66-2-254-1172

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To: Special File Room
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Date: July 6, 2000

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Voice #:

From:

[REDACTED]
Acting Legal Attache

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ON 05-11-2012

Subject: Request to hand carry attachments

Comments:

Dear SFR,

Kindly make appropriate copies of the attachments and **HAND-CARRY** (or secure fax) them to the following addressees ASAP:

- ✓ 1. SA [REDACTED] Squad 5, Minneapolis FBI
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3. SSA [REDACTED] Milwaukee HQ Office
4. SA [REDACTED] RA (Sacramento Division)
5. SSRA [REDACTED] Nashville RA (Memphis FBI)
6. SSA [REDACTED] Room 5425, FBIHQ
7. SSA [REDACTED] IOB, IOS, IOU II

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Our computer lines and secure fax are down and will be for an undetermined time.

Many thanks for your assistance.

~~SECRET~~**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 07/05/2000

To: Minneapolis
MilwaukeeAttn: SA [redacted], Squad 5
SA [redacted]
Green Bay Resident Agency;
SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
Fresno Resident Agency
SSRA [redacted]
Nashville Resident Agency
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From: Bangkok

Contact: [redacted]

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Case ID #: (U) 2-MP-55311 (Pending)

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DATE 05-31-2012 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/lsgTitle: (U) GENERAL VANG PAO;
dba - Neo Hom;
United Front for Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters(U) CAVEAT: THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS INTENDED FOR THE
BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS IN DEVELOPING LEADS ONLY. IT MAY
NOT BE DISSEMINATED TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM
THE ORIGINATOR.Synopsis: (U) To provide information on the border incursion at
Chong Mek Thai-Lao border crossing in the early morning of July 3,
2000 and [redacted](U) ~~(SECRET)~~ Derived From: G-1
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Referral/Consult

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To: Minneapolis From: Bangkok
Re: (U) 2-MP-55311, 07/05/2000

Referral/Consult

Enclosure(s): (S) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]Details: (S) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED](S) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED](S) [REDACTED]
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(U) It should be noted that news media quoted intelligence sources describing the individual as a resistance Colonel of Lao origin who has been granted American citizenship. He reportedly has a Thai wife with a home in Sirinthorn district, Ubon Ratchathani, and has been traveling back and forth between the United States and Thailand. He laid out the plan to seize the LPDR immigration office and border police headquarters at Vang Tao opposite Chong Mek at his [REDACTED] a week ago and flew back to the US before the raid. [REDACTED] had allegedly hired Thai villagers to join the operation, promising them \$392 a day and 15-rai plots of land, and that they

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To: Minneapolis From: Bangkok
Re: (U) 2-MP-55311, 07/05/2000

Referral/Consult

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(U) Various news services have reported that among the evidence seized from the 27 arrestees was a letter reportedly authored by [redacted] (supra.), described as the supreme commander of the United Lao Freedom Fighters addressed to two members of the attacking group. The letter, reportedly dated on July 25 of last year, quoted him as saying the Thai and Lao officials have had prior knowledge of the operation: "Thai officials know almost all my plans because I have already coordinated in detail with Thai intelligence officers and armed force in Thailand... Even Laotian military officers as high as general rank in the communist army have learned

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about my plans". The letter also went on about the plan of the operation, indicating that the news would be ready to be broadcast by Thai television stations in the border area only three hours after the siege of the checkpoint began. Additional news reports indicated that Sisouck, believed to be a former fighter for the royalist Laotian government before the communist take over, led the anti-government resistance in the name of prince Sauryavong Savang, the patriarch of the Laotian royal family and brother of Laos' last king who went to the U.S. Congress to lobby against the current regime a few days before the attack.

(U) Acting Legat Bangkok has requested a copy of the aforementioned letter and authorization by the [redacted] to travel to Ubon Ratchathani for interviews of witnesses in order to investigate the connection between this operation and the Neo Hom and/or anti-Pathet Lao resistance movements in the US. b7D

(U) Very shortly after the border incursion, Hiem Phommachanh, Lao Ambassador to Thailand made statements to the news media that the Lao rightist (Lao Khao) who are backed by America are involved in and responsible for the incident. In another interview Ambassador Hiem specifically cited the case of Houa Ly and [redacted] two followers of General Vang Pao and active members of the Neo Hom who allegedly entered illegally into Laos prior to being reported missing in April of 1999. He stressed that as a United Nations charter member, Laos is entitled to non-interference.

(U) (S) As receiving offices are aware, this border incursion appears to be the culmination and daring attempt by the Lao resistance, capping three months of violent bombing attacks in Laos. Milwaukee and Minneapolis confidential sources have reported that General Vang Pao and his followers have continued calls and planning for a general uprising against the LPDR to be executed on April 28 of last year, and postponed until December of this year, to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Pathet Lao take over of the government.

(U) Name checks conducted by Savannah ITC, the US Immigration & Naturalization Service, US Customs Service on [redacted] revealed the following information:

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To: Minneapolis From: Bangkok
Re: (U) 2-MP-55311, 07/05/2000

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MN

(U) ~~(S)~~ As Office of Origin in the captioned matter, Minneapolis is requested to expeditiously coordinate the investigation of individuals who are reported to have planned or led this border attack. It is recommended that efforts be expended to determine the political affiliation of [redacted] and whether they are operating independently or in conjunction with the Neo Hom. It is further recommended that both individuals are interviewed regarding their knowledge and/or involvement in the attack.

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MILWAUKEE

AT GREEN BAY, WI

(U) Will query confidential sources and determine if there is any connection between the aforementioned individuals and the Neo Hom rank and file.

Set Lead 3:

SACRAMENTO

AT FRESNO, CA

(U) Will attempt to determine [redacted] current whereabouts and prepare to contact and/or interview him upon OO's request. In the instance [redacted] is found to be an independent operator, Sacramento should initiate an inquiry into Neutrality Act violation on his part.

Set Lead 4:

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AT NASHVILLE, TN

(U) Will attempt to determine [redacted] current whereabouts and prepare to contact and/or interview him upon OO's request. In the instance [redacted] is found to be an independent operator, Sacramento should initiate an inquiry into Neutrality Act violation on his part. More information on the captioned investigation and related reports can be retrieved in file 163A-BK-342 and sub file CV in ACS.

Set Lead 5: (Adm)

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TO FBI MILWAUKEE/PRIORITY/

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CITE: //1344//

SUBJECT: IIR 7 300 0266 00/DRAGON FIRE--POTENTIAL TERRORIST THREAT

TO TOURISTS IN LAOS (U).

BY TELETYPE DATED 7/14/00, ☐ ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

Referral/Direct

SUMMARY: (S/NF)

TEXT: (S/NF)

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COMMENTS: 1. (S/NF) [REDACTED]

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2. (S/NF) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ADDENDUM: FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

[REDACTED]

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/15/2000

To: National Security

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

Minneapolis
Milwaukee

Tampa
Sacramento

Paris
Washington Field
Investigative Services

ND-3D/TGU/Room 5425

SA [REDACTED] Squad 5

SA [REDACTED]
Green Bay Resident Agency
Pinellas County RA

SA [REDACTED]
Fresno Resident Agency
Legal Attache

FCI/DT Supervisor
SSA [REDACTED]

IOB, IOS, IOU II

From: Bangkok

Contact: [REDACTED]

tel [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: (U) BK 199M-0
(U) 2-MP-55311 (Pending)

Title: (U) INFORMATION CONCERNING
The Lao Resistance and
Possible Terrorist Threats in Laos;
Neutrality Matters

(U) GENERAL VANG PAO;
dba - Neo Hom;
United Front for Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters

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Synopsis: (S) [REDACTED]
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To: National Security From: Bangkok
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(U) Classification Authority Reference: ~~(S/NF)~~

Administrative: (S/NF)

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Details: (S/NF)

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To: National Security From: Bangkok
Re: (U) BK 199M-0, 05/15/2000

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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(U) For information and clear.

Set Lead 2:

MINNEAPOLIS

(U) AT MINNEAPOLIS, MN

~~(S)~~ The above report is furnished for review and appropriate Lead setting by Minneapolis, which is the Office of Origin for the captioned investigation of the Neo Hom and General Vang Pao. It should be noted that the organizations mentioned in the report, namely, the Movement for Democracy in Laos in Cambodia and France, the Khabuankaan Prachachon Laaw Plodplooy Chaat (KPLC or KHPLC or Lao People's Movement to Free the Nation), which is identifiable with the Lao Liberal Democratic Movement and Freedom Fighters (LLDMFF) are most likely linked with the Neo Hom. Milwaukee Confidential Source has already confirmed that the LLDMFF is another political arm utilized by former General Vang Pao.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 07/13/2000

[redacted] age [redacted]
who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] provided the following information after he was
advised of the nature of the interview and the identity of the
interviewing Agents:

[redacted] has been residing in [redacted] since
1976. He relocated to [redacted] from a refugee camp in Thailand,
where he resided from 1975 - 1976. Prior to the refugee camp in
Thailand, [redacted] and resident of
Laos.

[redacted] was born in [redacted] on [redacted]
[redacted] eventually moved to [redacted] where he
was educated and [redacted]

[redacted] In the early
1970's, [redacted] was recruited by the Central Intelligence
Agency (CIA) [redacted] The CIA officer who worked with
[redacted] went by the name of [redacted] now deceased.
Subsequent to [redacted] relocating to the United States, [redacted]
[redacted] also relocated to the United States, residing in Montana.
They both kept in contact after the war in Laos.

Currently, [redacted] is married to [redacted]
[redacted] who he relocated to the
United States with from Laos and Thailand, was [redacted] She
currently lives in California since their divorce. [redacted] has
two parents who reside in [redacted] and
[redacted] and his parents relocated to [redacted]
because a sponsor at a [redacted] helped them. Upon
relocating to the United States, [redacted]
[redacted] He currently is retired from that company and
is living on a pension.

The interviewing Agent displayed to [redacted] a list of
organizations under the umbrella organization, "Neo Hom," whose
leader is believed to be General Vang Pao, the former Laotian
General who currently resides somewhere in the United States.
[redacted] reviewed this list of organizations, which should be
noted to be "enclosure two" of the communication from the
Minneapolis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
on their electronic communication, dated April 26, 2000. He was

Investigation on 07/12/2000 at [redacted]

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familiar with the names of these organizations. [redacted] believed that the organizations were really all one organization headed by General Vang Pao. [redacted] is not affiliated with the organizations listed on the FBI enclosure. [redacted] is affiliated with Lao-Hamong American Coalition, in which he is the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) based in Westminster, Colorado. [redacted] organization has opposite beliefs to the organizations run by General Vang Pao. [redacted] organization believes in educating Laosian into the American way, creating situations where the Laosian people may become U.S. citizens, providing information with regard to the equal opportunity in the United States, and furthering business opportunities for Laosian immigrants. The focus of this coalition is to integrate Laosians into the American way of life. This philosophy is opposite of General Vang Pao's, whose organization wants to take back Laos by force.

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[redacted] has never given any money for political purposes or for the resistance in Laos or Thailand. He has never paid any money to General Vang Pao or to any of his associates. He never served under General Vang Pao during the war in Asia. However, [redacted] did serve in the war, working for the Central Intelligence Agency [redacted]. Another American in Laos who worked with [redacted] was [redacted] (retired) U.S. Air Force, who currently resides in [redacted].

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By way of background, [redacted] U.S. Air Force (retired) worked with [redacted] during the war in Laos. Their mission was to recover downed pilots belonging to the U.S. Air Force. For services rendered by [redacted] and his group, General Aderholt has kept in contact with [redacted] and [redacted] coalition. There have been occasions when [redacted] and his coalition have gathered humanitarian aid for people from Laos who still reside in Asia. [redacted] has helped out in 1998 and 1999, with the humanitarian effort connected with sending aid from the United States to Thailand for the Laosian people connected with [redacted] coalition.

[redacted] does not have any personal knowledge of political or resistance efforts in Laos/Thailand by General Vang Pao; however, [redacted] has heard from Laosian people living in the United States that General Pao has sent Laosian people from

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the United States back to Laos. Those Laosian people have been killed or missing. There were two separate groups of people sent back to Laos by General Pao, and both are killed or missing. [redacted] group, were not involved or do not have information pertaining to those missing people.

General Vang Pao has never asked [redacted] to go on any political/resistance missions to Thailand/Laos. The only information that [redacted] has about such missions are from rumors from other Laosian people. The last time [redacted] saw General Pao was in Fresno, California, at a social gathering in 1989-90 New Year's celebration. They did not have any conversation. [redacted] just saw General Pao from a distance at this social gathering.

[redacted] is not aware of any circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Hoau Ly and [redacted] but [redacted] did hear rumors from other Laosian people in the United States that some American citizens of Laosian descent went back over to Laos and got in some type of trouble. [redacted] did not specifically recall those names mentioned.

[redacted] is not aware of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Kao "Charlie" Vang. Again, [redacted] may have heard of this incident from other Laosian people through rumors.

[redacted] has never been in a meeting to support General Vang Pao. During the course of this interview, [redacted] repeatedly advised the interviewing Agents that General Vang Pao has a different philosophy concerning Laos.

Background information on [redacted]

Date of birth: [redacted]
U.S. naturalized [redacted]b6
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citizen: 1987
Arrived in
Denver, Colorado:
Refugee camp:
Social Security
Account Number:
Height: 4'11
Weight: 110 lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/24/2001

To: Milwaukee

Attn: SA [REDACTED]

From: Minneapolis

Squad 6/St. Paul RA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 2-MW-40429 (Pending) -10
2-MP-55311 (Closed) -283

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
Neutrality Matter - Laos

Synopsis: Request to close matter and consolidate matter into Milwaukee investigation.

Package Copy: Being forwarded under separate cover for Milwaukee are all serials pertaining to Minneapolis' investigation regarding Vang Pao, et al. (X)

Details: Per previous discussions with Milwaukee, it is requested that captioned matter be closed and thereafter consolidated into Milwaukee's similar investigation entitled, "MAJOR GENERAL VANG PAO, DBA NEO HOM; UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LAOS; NEUTRALITY MATTERS."

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Assign Lead
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To: Milwaukee From: Minneapolis
Re: 2-MW-40429, 07/25/2001

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WI

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Set Lead 2: (Adm)

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Close matter and consolidate into Milwaukee's investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/11/2001

To: National Security
Investigative Services
Paris

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]
NS-3D/TGU/5425
IOU-1, SSA [REDACTED]
Room 7458
ALAT [REDACTED]

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 5
Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending) -540

Title: [REDACTED]

ET AL;
DBA-NEOHOM;
NEUTRALITY ACT VIOLATION;
04/19/1999

Synopsis: Responding to lead set forth in referenced communication.

Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 145

Details: Referenced communication requested that Milwaukee provide Legat Paris with a valid telephone number for [REDACTED] Legat Paris was unsuccessful at contacting [REDACTED] via telephone number [REDACTED] Milwaukee has determined that the correct telephone number for [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

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To: National Security From: Milwaukee
Re: 2-MW-39584, 12/11/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

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ON 05-11-2012

DATE: Jan. 11, 2002

TO: Milwaukee

FROM: LEGAT BANGKOK

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FILE NUMBER: 2-MW-39584

SERIAL NUMBER: 541

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 01/23/2002

To: Milwaukee
National Security
Investigative Services

Attn: Squad 5
SA [REDACTED]
NS-3D/TGU/5425
SSA [REDACTED]
IOU-1, SSA [REDACTED]
Room 7458

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From: Paris

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

ET AL;
DBA-NEOHOM;
NEUTRALITY ACT VIOLATION;

Synopsis: Lead covered. [REDACTED] will be interviewed by Milwaukee at Milwaukee.

Reference: 2-MW-39584, Serial 540

Administrative: Telcalls between Legat Paris ALAT [REDACTED] and Milwaukee SA [REDACTED] dated 01/03/02, 01/07/02, 01/10/01, and 01/16/02.

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Secure telcall of 01/23/02, between ALAT [REDACTED] and Milwaukee case agent SA [REDACTED]

Details: Attempts by Legat Paris to establish contact with Mr. [REDACTED] as per Milwaukee's lead set in re serial were unsuccessful, inasmuch as the individual answering the telephone number provided, claimed that no Mr [REDACTED] resided at that address. This situation was discussed as detailed below with Milwaukee case agent SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee then attempted to arrange the interview via an asset. Ultimately, Milwaukee advised in re secure telcall, that [REDACTED] will be interviewed by Milwaukee, upon [REDACTED] re-entry into the U.S..

Legat Paris' efforts to cover MW lead set forth in re EC are summarized below for documentation purposes:

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To: Milwaukee from: Paris
Re: 2-MW-39584, 01/23/2002

On 01/03/02, Paris attempted to contact [] at telephone number []. A woman with a heavy Asian accent responded in French stating that Paris had the wrong number and that no Mr. [] lived at the address.

Paris contacted Milwaukee SA [] and left a message to determine what other contact possibilities existed.

On 01/07/02, SA [] advised the source would advise [] that Legat Paris would call to schedule an interview at the U.S. Embassy.

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On 01/10/02, Paris advised SA [] Paris was pending results of source contact from re-attempt to place another call to [].

On 01/16/02, SA [] advised he would re-contact the source regarding an attempt to interview [].

On 01/23/02, Milwaukee, SA [] advised in re secure telcall, that [] was to be interviewed by Milwaukee upon his re-entry into the U.S..

Inasmuch as no leads remain pending, Legat Paris is placing this matter in a closed status.

To: Milwaukee Room: Paris
Re: 2-MW-39584, 01/23/2002

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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To : MILWAUKEE
From : FBI HEADQUARTERS
Topic: WORKING GROUP MEETS IN BANGKOK

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

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DATE: 2-7-02

TO: Milwaukee

FROM: LEGAT BANGKOK

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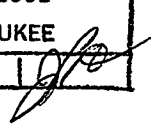
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To : FILE

Date: May 18, 2001

From : Legal Attache, Bangkok, (2-MW-39584) (Pending)

Subject : MAJOR GENERAL VANG PAO; NEO HOM;
NEUTRALITY ACT VIOLATION;
APRIL 19, 1999

Reference: 2-MW-39584 - 74-75

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on the dates indicated.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
February 27, 2001



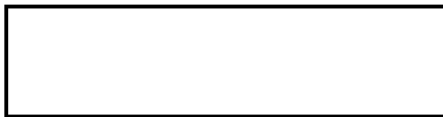
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The following information pertains to the above captioned person. The information originates from a source whose reliability and credibility is proven. The information is provided for the receiving agency to handle as deemed appropriate.

[redacted] age [redacted] is the [redacted]
[redacted]. Until recently, he oversaw the Lao government's Business Development Committee, which performs inspections of local and foreign businesses. [redacted] left Laos on April 10, 2000, on a government-sanctioned trip to an unnamed European country. The purpose of the trip was for medical treatment of an undisclosed type and to conduct an observation tour to study management techniques.

Over the past year, [redacted] transited through Bangkok several times en route to other destinations. However, this time he stayed in Thailand from April 10th, 2000 until July 26, 2000, when he departed for an unknown destination, returning to Bangkok August 15, 2000, via a Lufthansa flight originating in Frankfurt, Germany. His wife and three children joined him in Bangkok at some point.

On November 6, 2000, the Laos Foreign Ministry was still insisting that [redacted] was abroad on legitimate personal and government business. However, strong rumors had begun circulating that he had either defected to a foreign country, or had been arrested for conspiracy in the recent string of bombings of public places in Laos. A report published in the Bangkok Nation newspaper around this time stated that the Minister was to be granted asylum in a unnamed country after the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had accorded him "person of concern" status.



On November 8, 2000, a senior New Zealand official stated that [redacted] was in that country and had sought political asylum. New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark subsequently confirmed the reports that [redacted] was in New Zealand awaiting political asylum. "I understand the convention is not to comment on political asylum for security reasons, but I can go so far as to say that what you have seen in the press is essentially accurate", she said.

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[redacted] is the [redacted] who came to power in 1975 in a Vietnamese-backed revolution that ousted the United States backed Lao Royal Family's constitutional monarchy. [redacted] known as the "Red Prince" outside of Laos, ruled until 1986. He earned this unofficial title because of his royal lineage, aristocratic ways, and his subsequent collusion with the communists. He was never fully trusted by the Vietnamese, but was installed as a figurehead because of his connections to the royal family, which the Pathet Lao felt would give the new government legitimacy in the eyes of the West. He had been the public face of Hanoi's Laotian communist allies throughout the Vietnam War.

He was subsequently married to a [redacted] [redacted] which allowed the Vietnamese to closely monitor his actions. He was closely watched by hard liners from the sect known as the Pak Pa Tee Wat Pa Xa Son Lao, also known as the Kayson (Kaison) Group, headed by an individual by that name. This group was considered to be the unofficial power behind the government, and subsequently rounded up the King, Queen, and most of the royal family in 1977 and sent them to the Sam Hao (Sam Nuer) internment camp, over his objections. The royal family disappeared from sight shortly thereafter, and has never been seen again. The Red Prince was removed from power in 1986, and subsequently died in 1995, following a stroke after receiving an injection from a Vietnamese doctor.

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Within political circles, [redacted] was mistrusted as his father was a communist collaborator with ties to the royal family as well as having a Vietnamese mother. He originally studied railroad construction engineering in the Soviet Union, but switched to political economics after deciding that building any credible railroad system in Laos was a physical impossibility. He worked in a variety of government posts until being appointed to the Lao Central Committee in 1991. He was appointed Finance Minister that same year following the Fifth Party Congress that

Kham Say Souphanouvong
Former Finance Minister of Lao

same year. He was appointed as a minister to the Prime Minister's office in 1995, and was ousted from his Finance Minister's post around the same time, allegedly by Kayson's [] [] He was purged from the 49 member Central Committee in 1996.

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[] was purged from the Lao Government because he was at the center of a power struggle between the old guard in the Lao Government and the younger leaders, which he was closely aligned. The younger leaders are pushing for a greater share of the decision making process, and [] sidelining was also part of the old guard's effort to rewrite Lao history to obliterate the royal family's positive image. [] a Laos analyst at the Bangkok based Asia Forum, has predicted a possible serious internal purge of the younger generation working in government positions in Laos.

[] was disappointed with his declining political role, and was receiving some blame for the Laotian economy being in a shambles. Authorities had recently censored songs about his father's role in the Laotian struggle for independence from foreign rule. There were also rumors [] would be charged with conspiracy with royalist sympathizers in the recent string of bombings in Laos, in an attempt to embarrass the Communists prior to the hosting of a number of important meetings in Laos. Laos was preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary on Dec. 2, 2000. Later that month, Laos was to play host to several European and Southeast Asian foreign ministers at a two-day conference that was to encourage foreign investment in Laos.

[] downfall from 1986 to 1996 may be attributed to the following events:

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- In 1986, the Lao government invited Soviet experts to Laos to create a plan on how to run the Lao economy. Five Soviet experts were sent to Laos for six months to work with [] a member of the power structure in the Kayson group, and an expert on Marxist-Leninist doctrine and socialist economics. Kayson hired [] as a secretary at this point, requesting [] work on drafting a document focusing on improving the Lao economy. [] theme was to encourage the return of the Lao Nok (Lao intelligentsia and businessmen who had fled the country after 1975) by promoting a market (capitalist) economy, and returning confiscated properties to the Lao Nok, if they agreed to return to live in Laos. This proposal also allowed for the

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Lao Nok to buy and own property in Laos. Kayson rejected this proposal as too radical.

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[REDACTED] then proposed the idea of allowing the Lao Nok the ability to buy or lease the land for 99 years, knowing they would not be willing to invest in real property unless they felt they had some type of control over the land. This proposal included the ability to sell the lease or deed during, or at the end of, its term. He opened Laos to tourists, hoping to stimulate the economy through tourism dollars. He understood that the Lao government had no idea how to deal with foreign investors, and wanted to use the business expertise of the Lao expatriates to work for the Lao government. He also proposed the opening of foreign banks in Laos.

- As this series of proposals was strictly against Marxist-Leninist doctrine, it was angrily rejected by [REDACTED] who publicly denounced him as a traitor and pro-capitalist. [REDACTED] submitted the plan drawn up by the Soviet advisors, and brought it to a meeting of the communist party for approval. [REDACTED] strongly objected to the plan, saying that it was not right for Laos, and that the Soviet economy was in a shambles and ready to crumble. [REDACTED] attempted to have [REDACTED] arrested, but he disappeared for about a month until things blew over. Kayson actually accepted the majority of [REDACTED] economic plan in theory and rejected [REDACTED] but delayed implementation while attempting to control internal power struggles between the progressives and the old guard.

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- When the Soviet economy collapsed in 1989, and Soviet foreign aid to Laos along with it, there was a rush to implement [REDACTED] plan. They were afraid that outside sources, led by the Lao Nok, would take advantage of the economic chaos in Laos and work with the resistance to overthrow the government. The Lao Nok were allowed back in, but closely watched, and the Lao freedom fighters were divided by internal conflicts. As the architect of the new economic model, [REDACTED] was admitted to the 49 member Central Committee, and promoted to the position of Minister of Finance.

[REDACTED] subsequently proposed to limit the power of the military to make independent financial arrangements. [REDACTED] for instance, would arrange to

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borrow money directly from foreign countries without first going through the Finance Ministry. [] decreed that all loans would have to be submitted to his office for initial approval, as foreign bankers required that the Central Bank of Laos and his office had to ultimately guarantee the loan. He began demanding accountability as to how the loans were spent. He also took the position that the Minister of Finance was responsible for the sale of all the natural resources of Laos, such as timber, minerals, etc. The companies that independently dealt with these issues were also controlled by the military. Obviously, these changes were very unpopular with the controlling military junta, who derived most of their personal wealth from the profits of this arrangement.

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[] also criticized the practice of requiring all ministries to obtain a second approval from the Prime Minister's office for all financial transactions already approved by [] office. The Prime Minister's office became afraid of the power [] office was attempting to gain in controlling the financial affairs of Laos. They felt he was becoming far too independent, and that the economic practices of Laos were straying too far from the socialist models. Subsequently, when [] left the country to attend a World Bank meeting in Spain, the Kayson Group, [] fired seven of [] closest business associates, and had one of Kayson's [] fire [] when he returned.

- After Kayson's death in 1992, [] and [] gained significant power in government circles. They had the Lao intelligence services tap [] phone lines, and openly conducted surveillance on him, his family members, and visitors to his home. They also began circulating rumors that he had illegally made money on illicit business deals over the years by taking advantage of his position as Finance Minister.

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For all these reasons, [] felt that he was increasingly in a perilous position, and feared for his and his family's safety.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 02/15/2002

To: Milwaukee
Memphis

Attn: ✓SA [redacted] Squad 8
SSRA, Nashville

From: Counterterrorism
CTD/ITOS/TGU
Contact: SSA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]: KMS

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-⁵⁴⁵~~111~~ (Pending)

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
dba - Neo Hom;
United Front for Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matter

*Hand copy
of serial
for file*

Synopsis: Provide case update.

Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 142

Details: The purpose of this communication is to request recipients to provide an update of the captioned case to the Terrorist Groups Unit (TGU), International Terrorism Operations Section, CTD, FBIHQ. This information is requested due to a recent meeting between the Ambassador to Laos and FBIHQ officials.

For information of Milwaukee, it is also requested that you provide the specific information/investigation that linked Houa Ly and [redacted] with General Vang Pao and that they were acting under his direction. We are currently unable to locate the information in our files and appreciate your assistance on this matter.

For information of Memphis, referenced serial requested the initiation of a preliminary inquiry on [redacted]. Provide update of investigation to the TGU.

*Lead assigned to
SA [redacted] 2/20/02
(w/copy to him).
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To: Milwaukee From: Counterterrorism
Re: 2-MW-39584, 02/15/2002

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Provide case update to TGU, FBIHQ.

Set Lead 2:

MEMPHIS

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Provide update to the TGU, FBIHQ.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 02/20/2002

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: CTD/ITOS/TGU,

SSA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]
Squad 8

Milwaukee ✓

From: Memphis

Squad 7

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

:dlj

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending)

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;

dba - New Hom;

United Front for Liberation of Laos;

Neutrality Matter

Synopsis: To provide a case update regarding [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Details: For the information of recipients, Memphis has received previous leads regarding [REDACTED] primarily from the ALAT in Laos, regarding [REDACTED] alleged affiliation with captioned Subject. As previously reported, Memphis has approached [REDACTED] on each occasion and questioned him directly regarding any such affiliations. On each occasion, [REDACTED] has adamantly denied any affiliation with Pao, although he admitted once fighting alongside Subject as part of Laotian military forces.

[REDACTED] admits to being acquainted with Pao, but only from his time serving indirectly under Pao during the Vietnam war. [REDACTED] claims that his relationship with Pao was always contentious. [REDACTED] claims that on one occasion, forces under Pao's command fired upon troops commanded by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] forces returned fire. According to [REDACTED] there were casualties on both sides as a result of this action. Although [REDACTED] does not claim to hold a grudge against Pao, he claims to have no direct or indirect affiliation with him. [REDACTED] also disavows any

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To: Counterterrorism From: Memphis
Re: 2-MW-39584, 02/20/2002

activities which would be in violation of the Neutrality Act, either with Pao or others.

[redacted] was cooperative during each interview, and appeared voluntarily for each interview at the Nashville Resident Agency. It was the assessment of both interviewing agents that [redacted] was candid and cooperative during each interview.

[redacted] is well known to the Memphis Division and to local law enforcement authorities, due to his past cooperation in matters relating to the local Laotian community. [redacted] is currently employed with the Davidson County, Tennessee government as a court employee.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Memphis
Re: 2-MW-39584, 02/20/2002

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE

Read and clear.

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O-73 (Rev. 4-24-90)

MESSAGE READDRESSAL
(Restricted Use)

Date: 2/21/02 Precedence: ☐ Immediate ☒ Priority ☐ Routine
Class: ☐ Top Secret ☐ Secret ☒ Confidential ☐ Unclass EFTO ☐ Unclass

Forward Attached Message to Designated Addressees:

FM: DIRECTOR FBI (2-mw-39584-547)

To: Legat Bangkok
FBI Milwaukee

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Use and Preparation of Form O-73

Purpose: Form O-73 was created to provide a prompt means of transmitting HQ incoming teletypes between Bureau Offices and Government Agencies.

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Preparation of Form O-73:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/21/2001

To: National Security

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

ND-3D/TGU/Rm. 5425

Bangkok

ALAT [REDACTED]

From: Minneapolis

Sqd. 6/St. Paul RA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 163E-BK-342 (Pending)

Title: Houa Ly - Victim;

[REDACTED] - Victim;

FPC - Laos

Synopsis: Notification of effort to obtain FGJ Subpoenas.

Reference: 163E-BK-342 Serial 500

Details: For the information of Bangkok, on 5/11/2001, a meeting took place with AUSA [REDACTED] Section Chief, Major Crimes Division, Minneapolis U. S. Attorney's Office, regarding obtaining FGJ Subpoenas concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Per a previous discussion with Minneapolis CDC, it was opined that possibly subpoenas could be obtained via T.18 U.S.C. Sec.1203(a) (Terrorism-homicide).

However, upon much deliberation and research by AUSA [REDACTED] it was determined in section 9-2.136, entitled, "Investigative and Prosecutive Policy for International Terrorism," contained in the U. S. Attorney Authority In Criminal Division Matters/Prior Approvals Handout, that states, absent the express authorization of the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, no USA is to initiate a criminal investigation, commence grand jury proceedings, file a complaint, or seek the return of a indictment in matters involving overseas terrorism without the express authorization of the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division.

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In reference to grand jury proceedings, AUSA [REDACTED] stated that this included the issuance of FGJ subpoenas, and as a result, her office could not issue any subpoenas at this time,

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To: National Security From: Minneapolis
Re: 163E-BK-342, 05/21/2001

and that such authorization should be obtained from the place of venue.

In light of the above, no further investigation is deemed appropriate and it is left to the discretion of Legat-Bangkok regarding obtaining Attorney General authority for issuance of the aforementioned subpoenas.

To: National Security From: Minneapolis
Re: 163E-BK-342, 05/21/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

BANGKOK

AT Bangkok, Indonesia

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Set Lead 2:

NATIONAL SECURITY

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 05/14/2001

Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information to the interviewing agent:

Regarding [] who is an employee of the City of Fresno, source advised that General Vang Pao was instrumental in his getting hired. Source stated that in 1992, [] candidates for Fresno City Council and Mayor, respectively, agreed that if the Hmong vote were delivered for them, they would hire a Hmong person in the City Manager's office. Both candidates were elected with the assistance of the Hmong vote, and in keeping with their promise, [] was given a job in the City Manager's office.

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Source stated that [] is back in Fresno after and extended absence and [] clinic is participating in disability insurance fraud.) [] was not the choice of General Vang Pao's organization, so they alleged that [] had a bad reputation among the Hmong in Bakersfield. According to the source, that was the reason [] lost the position at the City, and [] replaced him. [] is a high ranking person in the Neo Hom and collects money for that organization.

Source advised that [] was selected during a meeting of the Hmong leaders. [] was General Vang's choice for the job. Source stated that [] could not lose when nine out of the twelve people who voted on the question were named []

Source knows of people in Stockton who sent money to [] based on the request from General Vang, and the cover letter from []. Source declined to provide the names of the contributors. Source provided his copy of the letter dated 12/05/2000, which also contained the translation and a short note signed by [] explaining that the funding request was being sent late because he [] did not have their addresses, and to disregard the deadline for sending the money. Source stated that he received his copy of the letter from a friend in Minneapolis.

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Source expressed concern that if General Vang and his organization were to learn that he is talking to the FBI about them, he would be killed. Source provided examples of individuals who have gone against the General who later died. He believes that General Vang caused their deaths, whether by violent means, or by causing them to become sick.

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Source stated [redacted]

[redacted] asked the source to invite General Vang to a meeting with the mayor. At that time, source [redacted] The two men met at Wang's Panda, a Chinese restaurant at Shields and Maroa in Fresno. The meal was attended by nearly 30 people.

The source reported that General Vang and Mayor Paterson got along so well [redacted]

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The source advised that he first thought that Jim Patterson was an honest person who would be a very good mayor. He now believes that Patterson is not honest. Source related an anecdote which he believes illustrates the above opinion.

[redacted]

Source advised that he has been traveling and was not in town for the Hmong conference in Fresno several weeks ago. He knows nothing about it and does not know whether General Vang was supposed to speak. Source stated that General Vang was scheduled to be the keynote speaker for the Hmong National Awards Ceremony in Sacramento on March 27-29, 2001. As he was traveling, however, the source does not know if the General was there as planned. He has no information on the current condition of General Vang's health.

Source was asked who [redacted] is. Source advised that [redacted]

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telephone [redacted] Source believes that [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Source [redacted]
[redacted]

Source and General Vang [redacted]

[redacted]

Source advised that he learned that when the agents from [redacted] went to the home [redacted] to interview him regarding the disappearance of [redacted] and Houa Ly, the agents were told that [redacted]

[redacted]

Source will recontact [redacted]

[redacted] Source advised that he was told that [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 05/15/2001

[redacted] Asian female. (protect identity) date of birth [redacted] residing at [redacted] telephone [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Fresno Office of the Fresno Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to provide information concerning [redacted] [redacted] Asian male, date of birth [redacted] [redacted] who speaks very little English, was accompanied by [redacted] (protect identity) for the purpose of translating the interview. [redacted] advised as follows:

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She resides with [redacted] at the above address. Her cellular telephone number is [redacted]

She and [redacted] Upon [redacted] return from Thailand in February 2001, [redacted] use of opium and the [redacted] he had acquired in Thailand. [redacted] was supposed to have been in Asia to work for the Hmong resistance movement. Because of the [redacted] is in trouble with General Vang Pao.

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She stated that while he was gone, she cashed his welfare checks as he had instructed her to do, and gave the money to [redacted] [redacted] was supposed to be sending the money to [redacted] in Thailand.

[redacted] reside at [redacted] [redacted] had planned to return to Thailand in April 2001, but he changed his mind when two FBI Agents [redacted] came to [redacted] home to interview him.

She stated that she believes that [redacted] is committing welfare fraud because she has \$10,000.00 in a safe deposit box in the Union Bank located at 1440 East Hammer Drive, Stockton, California. [redacted] no longer receives [redacted] checks. [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Aid to Families with Dependant Children (AFDC). According to [redacted] they also receive aid for [redacted] as well.

[redacted] is now living with [redacted] at [redacted]. Earlier this year, after their fight, [redacted] stayed with [redacted] at their home in [redacted] was at [redacted] home when two agents from the [redacted] of the FBI came to interview him. He reportedly hid in the closet and instructed the [redacted] to tell the agents that he did not live there any more.

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Regarding the story that [redacted] was with Houa Ly and [redacted] on the day they disappeared, [redacted] stated that, prior to their disappearances, [redacted] Houa, [redacted] and others all lived together while in Thailand, and discussed the plan to cross the Mekong River into Laos. [redacted] supposedly told [redacted] and Houa repeatedly that their plan was foolish. They ignored his advice and in fact, asked him to leave because he did not support their plan. [redacted] did leave Thailand, returning a few days before [redacted] and Houa went missing.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is always talking about plans to take over Laos. [redacted] has dismissed them as babble because she knows that [redacted] is uneducated and he smokes a lot of opium. He can not speak any language other than Hmong, so he would be unable to make himself understood in Laos and Thailand because he does not speak either language. He was supposed to be taking money to the Resistance when he went to Thailand, but [redacted] believes he spent most of it on girls and opium.

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[redacted] advised that she traveled to Thailand during the Christmas season 2000. She found [redacted]. She contacted [redacted] at the following telephone number, which she believes is a cellular telephone belonging to the [redacted]. She was also able to contact [redacted]. This telephone supposedly belongs to [redacted] who lives in [redacted] and who is a member of the Neo Hom.

[redacted] stated that there is a house in Thailand rented by [redacted] for the Neo Hom which is called a [redacted] and is used as a gathering place for Neo Hom members visiting from the United States. She advised that she was there when the Thai police raided the place looking for records which had been moved before

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they came. She can not provide the address, but the telephone number is

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/23/2001

To: Bangkok
Counterterrorism
Investigative Services

Attn: ALAT [redacted]
SSA [redacted], Room 5425
SSA [redacted]
IOB, IOS, IUO II
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

Milwaukee
Minneapolis

From: Sacramento
FRA2

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending) - 581
163A-BK-342 (Pending)

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA Neo Hom;
United Front for the Liberation of Laos
Neutrality Matters
OO:MW

HOUA LY - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
FPC:LAOS
OO:BK

*Access
denied to
MK Case*

Synopsis: Results of re-interview of [redacted]
[redacted] and FD-302 of source.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for BK are copies of FD-302's of source
interview and copies of FD-302 of interview of [redacted]

Enclosed for MW are original and copy of interview of
[redacted] (Source contact was included with materials for 2-MW-
40429.)

Details: For information of receiving offices, [redacted] had
previously reported that [redacted] had been
in the company of [redacted] and Houa Ly when they went
missing in Laos. She further reported that [redacted] was traveling
to Thailand, carrying money for the Neo Hom, and likely intended
to import opium to the United States upon his return.

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To: Bangkok From: Sacramento
Re: 2-MW-39584 , 05/23/2001

She also reported that [redacted] were active members of the Neo Hom, and that [redacted] were collectors of money for the Neo Hom.

Leads were sent to Sacramento and Bangkok to interview [redacted] and his sons regarding all of their activity for the Neo Hom. Attempts to locate [redacted] by Sacramento and Bangkok were unsuccessful.

[redacted] now reports that [redacted] did not travel to Thailand, after all, because he was made afraid to leave the country by the attempt to interview him. [redacted] reported that [redacted] was at [redacted] home, but hid in the closet to avoid contact with the FBI. [redacted] is now residing with [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] also reported that [redacted] was not with [redacted] and Houa on the day he disappeared, but actually a few days earlier. He was asked to depart their company because he did not support their crossing into Thailand. This corroborates the information obtained by Bangkok that [redacted] left Thailand four days before the two disappeared.

[redacted] also provided some information regarding telephone numbers in Thailand which she had used to reach [redacted]

Leads to interview [redacted] are being left to the discretion of OO.

To: Bangkok From: Sacramento
Re: 2-MW-39584 , 05/23/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

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MW Case

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 01/04/2002

To: Honolulu

Milwaukee
Laboratory

Counterterrorism
Investigative Services

Attn: SAC Daniel R. Dzwilewski;
SA [redacted] Squad 7
SA [redacted]
UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]
Polygraph Unit
SSA [redacted] Rm 5425
UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted] IOS. IOU II

From: Bangkok

Contact: [redacted] telephone [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:mnr

Case ID #: 163A-BK-342 (Pending)

Title: HOUA LY - Victim;
[redacted] Victim;
FPC - Laos;
OO: BK

Synopsis: To request SA [redacted] assistance in conducting polygraph examinations of two potential witnesses in the captioned matter.

Reference: 199N-HN-16890 Serial 37

Details: Referenced communication advised that SA [redacted] will travel to Bangkok, Thailand during the period of 1/15 through 1/21/2002 to debrief a Honolulu Source in an unrelated case.

For information, on 11/28/2001, Assistant Legal Attache (ALAT) [redacted] traveled to Chiang Khong, Thailand to interview three individuals, two of whom are considered crucial to Bangkok's ongoing inquiry into the disappearance of Houa Ly and [redacted] two American citizens of Hmong descent on April 19, 1999. [redacted] also known as [redacted] was described by many as the one who made all the arrangements and connections leading to the incident and [redacted] of the Banpuan hotel, where Ly, [redacted] were last seen on or about this date. During lengthy interviews on 11/28/2001 and the next day, both [redacted] volunteered information that need to be verified through the polygraph if the pair are to be cleared of any wrongdoing or involvement in Ly and [redacted] disappearance. For over two years, this case has remained in the forefront of

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the strained bilateral relationship between the United States and Laos.

On 4/24/2000, SA [] conducted a polygraph test on [] a self-claimed eyewitness who was later found to be deceptive. Inasmuch as SA [] is knowledgeable of the captioned matter, and he will be in Thailand in relation to Honolulu's investigation, Bangkok would like to request his valuable assistance in administering the polygraph to [] tentatively scheduled to take place after the termination of the Honolulu Source debrief in Bangkok. ALAT will accompany SA [] to Chiang Khong or Chiang Rai cities in the North of Thailand to meet []

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

HONOLULU

AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

SAC Honolulu is requested to authorize an extension of SA [] TDY period in Thailand to 1/25/2002 in order to facilitate his travel to Chiang Khong or Chiang Rai for the aforementioned purpose. Honolulu's assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Set Lead 2: (Adm)

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Source not in a position to testify provided the following information:

[redacted] is not willing to talk with agents from Legat Paris of the FBI due to being suspicious of United States (U.S.) Government personnel. [redacted] may be willing to speak with the FBI in July of 2002 when [redacted] comes to the U.S. and several of his trusted friends are present. Attempts to convince [redacted] to cooperate with Legat Paris have failed.

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Major General VANG PAO is telling the Hmong community he has made a deal with the FBI so he will not be prosecuted.

Investigation on 1/31/02 at [redacted] (telephonically)

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by SA [redacted] PC9

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FBIHQ
Information Resources Division
Information Management Section
Investigative Information Processing Unit
Special File Room Subunit (SFRSU)
Room 7361, Ext. 4-3668

Date: 4-26-2001

Field Office: MW

HQ Division: _____

Room: _____

Case ID: 2-MW-39584

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SUBJECT: MEETING OF U.S.-LAO LY- INVESTIGATIVE GROUP.
BY TELETYPE DATED 2/14/02 AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE ADVISED
AS FOLLOWS:

Referral/Direct

CLASSIFIED BY CDA REASON 1.5 (B), (D)

1. (C)

2. (U) THE GOL PRESENTED THE EMBASSY ON JANUARY 25TH WITH THE REPORT
OF THE 31 OCTOBER-4 NOVEMBER 2001 LAO UNILATERAL INVESTIGATION IN
BOKEO INTO THE 1999 DISAPPEARANCE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS HOUA LY AND
 LAO MFA, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

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OFFICIALS INTERVIEWED 21 PEOPLE IN BOKEO PROVINCE AS WELL AS IN NEIGHBORING PROVINCES. THIS INVESTIGATION RESPONDED TO EMBASSY REQUESTS FROM OVER A YEAR AGO, IN WHICH WE ASKED THE GOL TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THREE INDIVIDUALS ALLEGED TO BE WITNESSES IN THE CASE: [REDACTED] THE BOAT DRIVER, AND BOKEO POLICE OFFICIAL [REDACTED] THE FACT THAT THE LAO HAD NOT RESPONDED TO OUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE THREE MEN WAS ONE OF THE CHIEF AREAS TO WHICH WE POINTED WHEN WE COMPLAINED ABOUT A LACK OF COOPERATION FROM THE GOL. (EMBASSY'S INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE REPORT HAS BEEN E-MAILED TO EAP/BCLTV LAO DESK OFFICER.)

3. (SBU) THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE GOL REPORT ARE

-- THE AUTHORITIES OF BOKEO PROVINCE AND DISTRICTS COOPERATED FULLY.
 -- THERE IS NO TRACE OF MESSRS. LY [REDACTED] IN BOKEO PROVINCE.

-- NOBODY INTERVIEWED BY THE LAO TEAM KNOWS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOAT DRIVER/FURNITURE SHOP [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

THEY ARE THUS NON-EXISTENT, "MADE UP BY SOME GROUP OF PEOPLE."

-- MESSRS. LY AND [REDACTED] DID NOT GO MISSING ON LAO SOIL.

-- THE LAO GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MESSRS. LY AND [REDACTED]

4. (U) THE U.S.-LAO JOINT INVESTIGATIVE TEAM HELD A FORMAL MEETING JANUARY 30TH TO DISCUSS PROGRESS BY BOTH SIDES ON THEIR UNILATERAL INVESTIGATIONS. PARTICIPANTS ON THE U.S. SIDE INCLUDED AMBASSADOR, DCM, CONSUL, A/LEGATT (BANGKOK), ACS CHIEF (BANGKOK), [REDACTED] (TRANSLATOR). LAO PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED [REDACTED] DIRECTOR GENERAL, CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, MFA; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GENERAL DEPARTMENT OFFICE, MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE; [REDACTED] DIRECTOR, INVESTIGATION

AND INTERROGATION DIVISION, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DIRECTOR, FOREIGNER CONTROL OFFICE, MINISTRY OF

INTERIOR; [REDACTED] DEPUTY DIRECTOR, EUROPE-AMERICAS DEPARTMENT, MFA; [REDACTED] DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AMERICAS DIVISION, MFA.

5. (C) [REDACTED]

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Date: 04/19/02 Time: 16:06

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Type : EC
Date : 03/04/02
To : COUNTERTERRORISM, et al.
From : BANGKOK
Topic: (U) TO FORWARD REQUEST BY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/12/2002

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: CTD/ITOS/TGU

Investigative Services
Los Angeles
Minneapolis
Bangkok
Canberra

SSA [redacted] Room 5425
UC [redacted] Room 7458
Squad NSD-6
Squad 5
ALAT [redacted]
Legat [redacted]
ALAT [redacted]

From: Milwaukee

Squad 5

Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 163A-BK-342 (Pending)-584
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*Covers lead
see attached
for [redacted]*

Title: HOUA LY - VICTIM
[redacted] VICTIM;
FPC - LAOS

GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Synopsis: Responding to lead set forth in referenced communication.

Reference: 163A-BK-342 Serial 541

Details: Referenced communication requested that Milwaukee query established sources and advise if [redacted]

[redacted], play any active role in any known anti-Lao resistance groups. Los Angeles and Minneapolis were not in receipt of referenced communication.

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For information of receiving offices, on 02/13/2002, a source who is not in a position to testify, advised [redacted] is familiar to him/her as a fund raiser for the Lao resistance. Source was unable to provide any further information concerning [redacted] Bangkok should note the

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Re: 2-MW-39584, 03/12/2002

discrepancy in Scott's middle initial. Source was not familiar with the name [REDACTED]

Source also reported that in December, 2001, [REDACTED] of the Minnesota Chapter of Neo Hom, went on a trip to Thailand with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was General Vang Pao's operations officer during the war in Laos at Long Chiang Airbase, Long Chiang, Laos. Xiong was surprised and shocked at the poor conditions the Hmong resistance fighters were living in. Xiong thought that more money collected by General Vang Pao and Neo Hom had made it to the resistance. During the trip, Xiong and [REDACTED] met with resistance members at one of the Hmong refugee camps. Both men were surrounded by the [REDACTED], detained and questioned. Xiong was afraid he was going to be put in a Thai prison. They were let go after paying a bribe to the [REDACTED].

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General Vang Pao wanted to meet with Xiong after he returned from Thailand; however, Xiong refused to meet with General Pao. Xiong was going to resign from Neo Hom due to his disappointment with General Pao.

On 01/18/2002, Xiong was killed along with his youngest son in an automobile accident in Minnesota. Foul play is not suspected in the accident.

In February, 2002, after the Lao National elections, General Vang Pao is going to announce a government in exile located in Thailand.

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Re: 2-MW-39584, 03/12/2002

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/24/2001

To: Counterterrorism
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Milwaukee
Investigative Services

Attn: SSA [redacted] Rm 5425
Legat [redacted]
ALAT [redacted]
SA [redacted] Squad 8
JSA, UC [redacted] Rm 7458
SSAs [redacted]
IOS, IOB, IOU II

From: Bangkok

Contact: [redacted] telephone [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:mnr

Case ID #: (U) 163A-BK-342 - 541 (Pending)
(U) 2-MW-39584 (Pending)

Title: (U) HOUA LY - Victim;
[redacted] - Victim;
FPC - Laos

(U) GENERAL VANG PAO;
dba - Neo Hom;
United Front for Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matter

Synopsis: (U) To report the personal contact with [redacted]
[redacted] on 8/15-8/16/01.

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Reason: 1.5(c)
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Details: (U) For information of receiving offices, [redacted]
[redacted] Defense Attache Office (DAO) and Assistant Legal
Attache (ALAT) [redacted] traveled from Bangkok to
Auckland, New Zealand during the period of 8/12/01 through
8/17/01 for the purpose of meeting [redacted] a
Laotian refugee living in New Zealand since November 2000.

*Taken from ACS
few leads, Squad 2
10-29-2001; lead
assigned to SA [redacted]
10-29-2001. lgr*

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To: Counterterrorism From: Bangkok
Re: (U) 163A-BK-342, 10/24/2001

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COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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~~(S)~~ Bangkok would like to call Counterterrorism Unit's attention on the efforts of Congressman Rohrabacher regarding application for entry into the U.S.

Set Lead 2:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

(U) Will inquire with established sources the names of

[redacted] and advise if these individuals play any active role in any known anti-Lao resistance groups.

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Set Lead 3: (Adm)

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/12/2002

To: Milwaukee

From: Milwaukee

Squad 5

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: ~~2~~-MW-39584 (Pending)

Title: CHANGED
GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA - NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Synopsis: Changing title.

Previous Title: Title marked "Changed" to reflect the identity of the leader of captioned group. Title previously carried as [REDACTED] DBA - NEO HOM; UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATIUN OF LAOS; NEUTRALITY MATTERS."

Details: To accurately reflect the leadership of the Neo Hom, Milwaukee has changed the title.

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YOUR JURISDICTION. DO NOT ALERT THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE
FBI'S INTEREST AND CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI FIELD OFFICE AT
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Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse

Vang Pao aka Pao Vang

Addresses

Residence

Business

Former

*Date and place of marriage
(if applicable)

Race	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female	Age	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
Birth date 12/08/1929	Birthplace					
Arrest Number	Fingerprint classification			Criminal specialty		
Social Security Number 517-90-9892			Drivers License Number ☐ D/L Photo ☐ Other			

Specific information desired

Please search Lexis/Nexis for Vang Pao

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Name: VANG, PAO (MALE)

Social Security Number: 517-90-9892

Consumer Name Last Updated: 6/17/1995

Address:

9302 ENGLAND AVE
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683-6521
Address Type: SINGLE FAMILY
Address Created: 8/28/1992
Address Updated: 3/23/2001

Previous Addresses:

10681 AMBER CIR
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843-5155
Address Type: SINGLE FAMILY
Address Created: 5/2/1989
Address Updated: 6/17/1995

2777 WILLOW AVE APT 132
CLOVIS, CA 93612-3348
Address Type: HIGH-RISE/APARTMENT
Address Created: 1/25/1997
Address Updated: 1/19/1999

Address:

9302 ENGLAND AVE
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683-6521
Address Type: SINGLE FAMILY
Address Created: 8/28/1992
Address Updated: 3/23/2001

Previous Addresses:

10681 AMBER CIR
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843-5155
Address Type: SINGLE FAMILY
Address Created: 5/2/1989
Address Updated: 6/17/1995

2777 WILLOW AVE APT 132
CLOVIS, CA 93612-3348
Address Type: HIGH-RISE/APARTMENT
Address Created: 1/25/1997
Address Updated: 1/19/1999

Telephone: (714) 379-3134

On File Since: 5/2/1989

Date Vendor Record Last Updated: 6/17/1995

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PERSON LOCATOR - P-TRAK

Name: VANG, PAO

Social Security Number: 517-90-9892

Address:

9302 ENGLAND AVENUE
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
Address Updated: 5/1/1998

Previous Addresses:

540 NEES APT. 106
FRESNO, CA 93720
Address Updated: 1/1/1995

2777 WILLOW AVENUE
CLOVIS, CA 93612
Address Updated: 11/13/2000

Birthdate:

Telephone:

On File Since: 3/1/1989

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PERSON LOCATOR - PSRCH2

Name: VANG, PAO

Social Security Number: 517-90-9892

Address:

9302 ENGLAND AVE
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683
Address Created: 7/1992

Previous Addresses:

10681 AMBER CIR
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843
Address Created: 1/1990

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/22/2002

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: CTD/ITOS/TGU

Investigative Services
Los Angeles
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Minneapolis
Sacramento
Bangkok
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SSA [redacted] Room 5425
IOS [redacted] Room 5425
UC [redacted] Room 7458
Squad NSD-6
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Fresno RA, SA [redacted]
ALAT [redacted]
Legal Attache

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From: Milwaukee

Squad 5

Contact: SA [redacted] [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: BK 199M-0 - 743
2-MW-39584 (Pending) - 563

Title: INFORMATION REGARDING
LAO/HMONG RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES

GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Synopsis: Responding to lead set forth in referenced communication.

Reference: BK 199M-0 Serial 694
2-MW-39584 Serial 142

Details: Referenced communications requested that Milwaukee query established sources and advise if [redacted] (phonetic spelling), [redacted] are associated with General Vang Pao and the Neo Hom or any other anti-Lao resistance group.

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On 03/20/2002, a source who is not in a position to testify, provided information concerning the three abovementioned individuals. Source advised that the information was obtained through sub-sources (not further identified). Information

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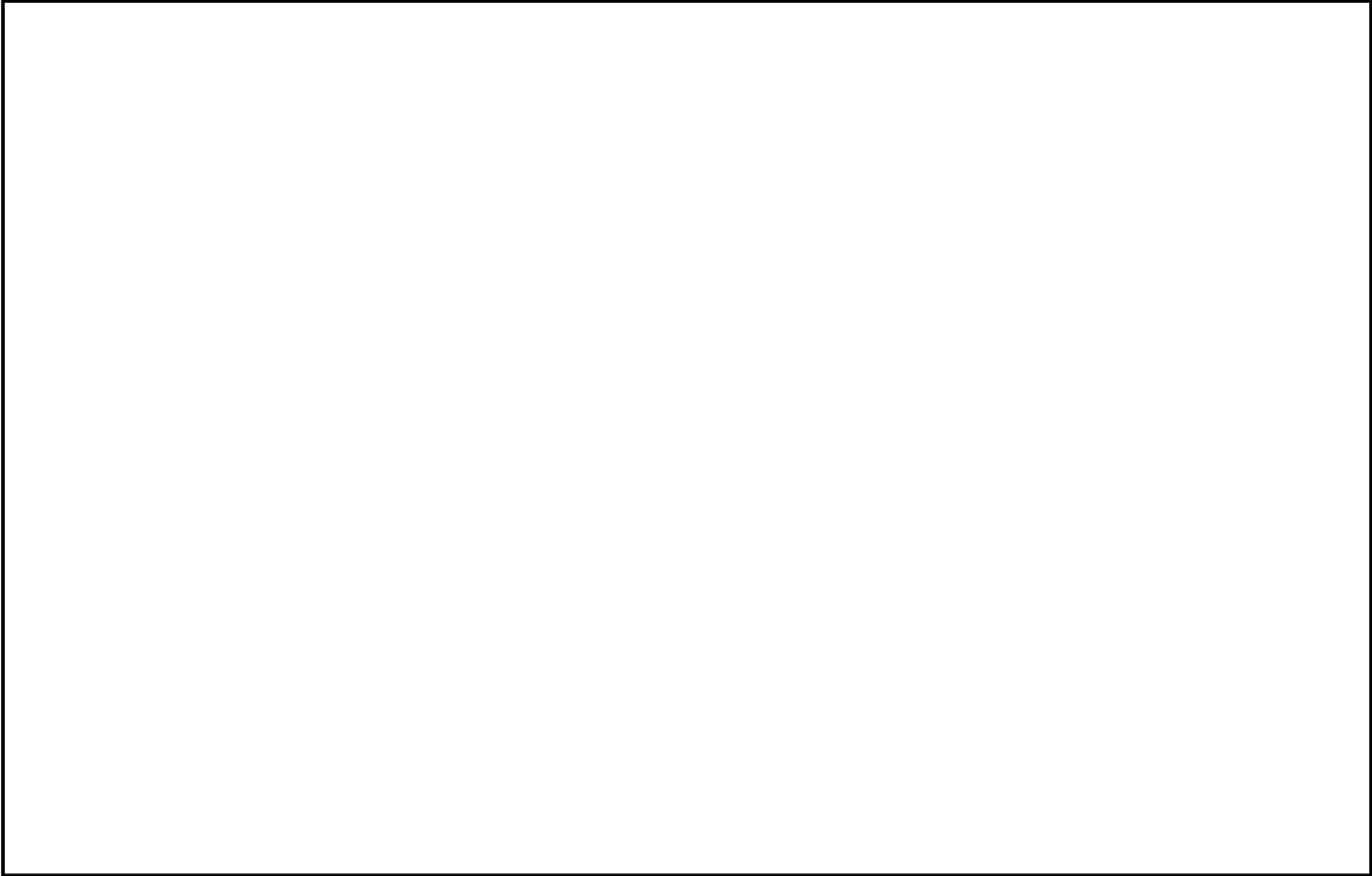
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regarding the individuals, along with the correct spelling of their names, is as follows:



Milwaukee considers its lead covered; however, any additional information obtained on the three abovementioned individuals will be provided to recipients.

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Date: 03/22/2002

To: Counterterrorism

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ALAT [redacted]
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From: Milwaukee

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 163A-BK-342 (Pending) - 586
2-MW-39584 (Pending) - 564

Title: HOUA LY - VICTIM

[redacted] - VICTIM;
FPC - LAOS

GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Synopsis: Reporting information concerning [redacted]

Reference: 163A-BK-342 Serial 541

Details: Referenced communication requested that Milwaukee query established sources and advise if [redacted]

[redacted] play any active role in any known anti-Lao resistance groups. Los Angeles and Minneapolis were not in receipt of first referenced communication.

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Milwaukee previously reported information concerning [redacted] to Legat Bangkok. On 03/20/2002, a source who is not in a position to testify, provided information concerning [redacted] which source advised was obtained through sub-sources (not [redacted])

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Re: 2-MW-39584, 03/22/2002

further identified). The information reported by source is as follows:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 03/28/2002

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: CTD/ITOS/TGU

SSA [REDACTED] Room 5425

IOS [REDACTED] Room 5425

Salt Lake

Attn: Regional Translation Center,
SLS [REDACTED]

From: Milwaukee

Squad 5

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED] *Key*

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID # 2-MW-39584 (Pending)-565

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: Requesting translation of Neo Hom documents written in
Laotian. *Key*

Administrative: Reference telcal from SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee, to SLS
[REDACTED] Regional Translation Center (RTC), on
03/26/2002.

Enclosures: Enclosed for RTC are two copies each of several Neo Hom
documents written in Laotian.

Details: Captioned investigation is based upon information that Major
General Vang Pao, a United States citizen of Hmong descent, is
providing support to Neo Hom, an armed resistance movement directed
against the communist regime in Laos. Because the U.S. is at peace
with Laos, these activities are in violation of the Neutrality Act, a
criminal violation.

Milwaukee is in possession of a large number of Neo Hom
documents from the mid to late 1980's. A preliminary review disclosed
that several documents, one of which is signed by Vang Pao, deal with
fund-raising for Neo Hom, the purchase of weapons and supplies for Neo
Hom, and the results of military actions by Neo Hom in Laos. Although
dated, Milwaukee believes they are relevant to the investigation.

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Re: 2-MW-39584, 03/28/2002

In view of the above, Milwaukee requests that a Bureau Contract Linguist provide a verbatim translation of the enclosed documents.

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Re: 2-MW-39584, 03/28/2002

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AT SALT LAKE CITY, UT

Milwaukee requests that a Bureau Contract Linguist provide a verbatim translation of the enclosed documents.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 03/20/2002

Source not in a position to testify provided the attached
document:

Investigation on 3/20/02 at [redacted] (via facsimile)
File # 2-MW-39584, [redacted] -37 Date dictated 3/20/02
by SA [redacted] PCS

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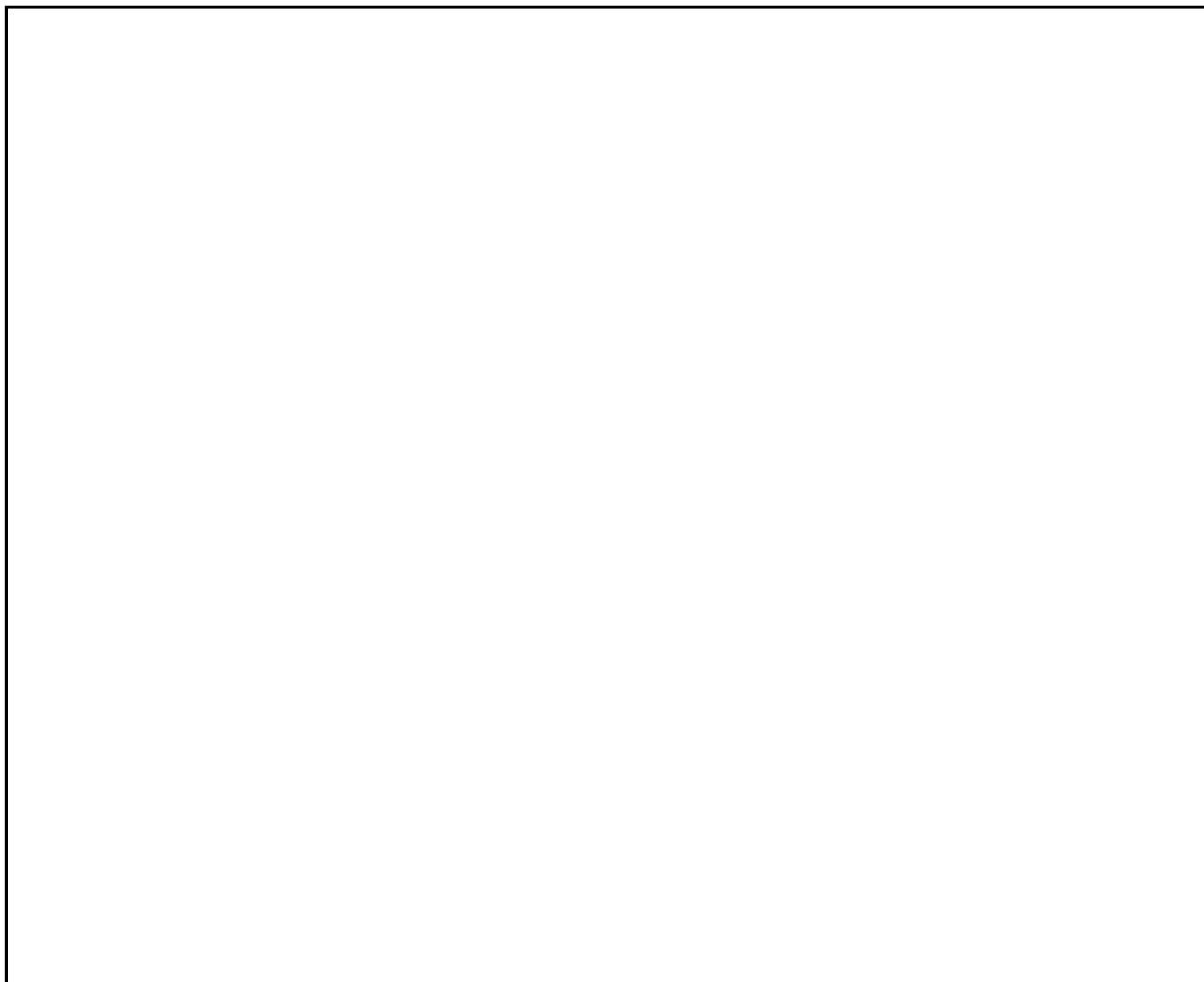
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Fm: [REDACTED]

Re: Information Requested

Here is what I have so far, with the correct spelling of the names. Sorry this took so long, but my friends have to be careful when inquiring about the Lao, who are highly suspicious of Hmong asking questions about them. So, it is necessary to go slowly.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 04/26/2002

To: Milwaukee

From: Milwaukee

Squad 5

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
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UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS;

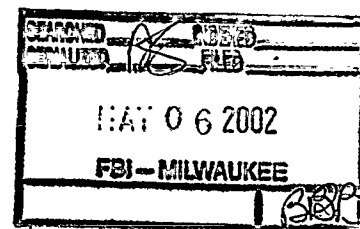
Synopsis: Document meeting with interim United States Attorney [REDACTED]

Details: On 04/26/2002, the writer met with AUSA [REDACTED] to discuss the current status of the Neutrality Act case against General Vang Pao. AUSA [REDACTED] is very familiar with the investigation and advised that, for the sake of continuity, he would not reassign the case after his confirmation as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

The writer displayed to AUSA [REDACTED] preliminary translations of three (3) Neo Hom documents which dealt with fund raising for training and weaponry for the resistance (signed by Vang Pao), the purchase of weapons and supplies for the resistance, and military action by the resistance inside Laos. The documents are dated in the mid-to-late 1980's and were obtained from a source who is not in a position to testify. In addition to a statute of limitations issue, AUSA [REDACTED] stated that a witness would be needed to authenticate the documents. AUSA [REDACTED] noted the necessity to locate individuals in a position to testify against General Pao and his activities. With regard to any possible Federal Income Tax violations against Vang Pao, AUSA [REDACTED] stated that his office does not have venue for an investigation. AUSA [REDACTED] stated that he would "prefer" that the FBI closed its investigation of Vang Pao; however, he would leave the decision concerning any further investigation into this matter to the FBI. Lastly, AUSA [REDACTED] offered his concurrence for the writer's anticipated travel to Thailand and Laos.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

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Attn: SA [REDACTED]
Squad 5

From: Salt Lake City
Regional Translation Center
Contact: SLS [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] eai

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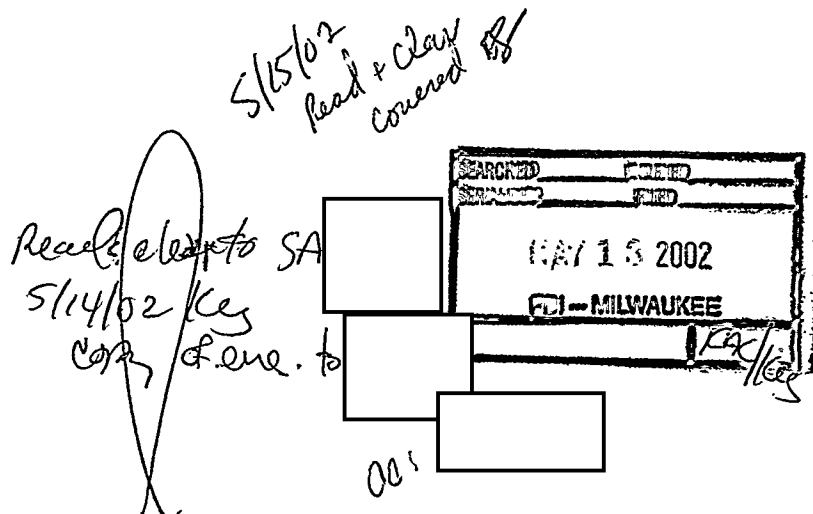
Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA - NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: Salt Lake City has completed the enclosed translations as requested.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Milwaukee are English translations of Laotian documents.

Details: Salt Lake City Contract Linguist [REDACTED] has completed the enclosed translations as requested. CL [REDACTED] reviewed the entire package of documents sent by Milwaukee and determined that these documents seemed the most pertinent. CL [REDACTED] will be out of the country until early July, and will complete the translation of all remaining documents upon his return. Any questions may be directed to SLS [REDACTED]

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To: Milwaukee From: Salt Lake City
Re: 2-MW-39584, 05/09/2002

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Provide enclosed translations to SA ☐ for appropriate action.

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Agent's office: Milwaukee

Outgoing ph#: N/A

Translator:

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Translator's office: Salt Lake

Target language: Lao

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Second language: N/A

Third language: N/A

Date(s) of above action(s): 26 APR 2002,
8 May 2002

Participants: N/A

Date of recording: N/A

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WARNING

TO: All representatives of the United Front at the state, municipal, district and local level

SUBJECT: Keep "Classified" Documents from the Front

Classified documents sent from the front and copied at the center are sent for your information, which you are now reading, are classified military documents.

Therefore, when you receive them, you are strictly prohibited from making copies for anyone. They are only to be read to members of the United Front for their information. Be careful to absolutely not let this information leak to opposing side, because it will cause grave danger and will cause damage to the national interest.

I ask that all representatives take strict responsibility for this matter and hope that all of you understand this.

Respectfully,

Santa Ana, 7 July 1988

Vice President, United Front of Lowland Laos of the American Continent

[Signature]

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Box]

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The Kingdom of Laos National Liberation Army

Number: 117/BKR

TO: Lao Brothers and Sisters in Third Countries all over the World

SUBJECT: Budget proposal for organizing and training forces

- - In a firm conviction to not lose the Lao nation and country to the Red Vietnamese who invaded and seized Laos 13 years ago, the battle to restore the Lao nation began and has continued to the present time. The battle has stumbled along all these 13 years, experiencing shortages of everything and hardships of every kind. Nevertheless, we have been able to establish better stability in the fighting in many ways. We have been able to make friendly superpower countries interested and help the fight to restore the Lao nation in many ways.
- - Referring to the situation in Communist countries, which have led by Russia in the past, Russia has had to withdraw from its war of aggression in Afghanistan and seek peace in the world. This event has resulted in the Red Vietnamese having Soviet aid cut off and having 117 of 157 countries of the United Nations condemn them for seizing Cambodia. Therefore, the Red Vietnamese have no way of continuing to hold Cambodia. They have only one alternative—they have to withdraw their military forces from Cambodia.
- - In order to pull the problem of the struggle to restore the Lao nation to the international stage of the world and stand along side the resolution of the problem in Cambodia, the joint headquarters of the Front deem it necessary to expedite the fighting in Laos. To make the battle more serious, we need to increase the size of our force, which friendly countries agree to, along with expediting training to urgently reinforce forces in inner territories. All of this will lead to the establishment of an official National Liberation area after first organizing the force and training mentioned.
- - I have specified the training and weapons in stages of 1000/5000 from volunteers until it is successful. When this is accomplished, we can implement the plan immediately.
- - Soldiers must be equipped as follows:

1. AK	Quantity 1	Price 5500	Baht
2. Uniforms	" 2	" 270	"

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-	3. Pairs of boots	"	2	"	180	"
-	4. Hat	"	1	"	14	"
-	5. Belt	"	1	"	16	"
-	6. Canteen	"	1	"	50	"
-	7. Poncho	"	1	"	36	"
-	8. Field pack	"	1	"	95	"
-	9. Overpants	"	2	"	60	"
-	10. Overshirt	"	2	"	52	"
-	11. Pairs of socks	"	2	"	30	"
-	12. Field [illegible]	"	1	"	85	"
-	13. Mosquito net	"	1	"	50	"
-	14. Hammock	"	1	"	150	"
-	15. Food per day of training				20	"

- I have prepared to train a force of 1,000 people for 60 days. The expenses are as follows:

- Guns: one is $5500 \times 1000 = 5,500,000$ baht or \$220,000.
- Food: $60 \times 20 = 1200 \times 1000 = 1,200,000$ baht or \$48,000.
- Other equipment: for one soldier it amounts to $1088 \times 1000 = 1,088,000$ baht or \$43,520.

Altogether that's 7,788,000 baht or \$311,520. This does not include various medical supplies. During the training there will be a dedicated medical center.

- In the first installment, a friendly country has approved 800 weapons (amounting to 4,400,000 baht). I consider that this is fortunate for us. The United Front has not had to purchase these with its own money. It just has to come up with the money for training and clothing.
- Inasmuch as circumstances are this favorable, we ask that you all be interested and ready to helping fight.

United Front Headquarters, 21 June 1988

Major General Vang Pao, Leader of the National Liberation Army

[Seal] Kingdom of Laos - National Liberation Army

Concur:



President Winai

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The Kingdom of Laos

National Liberation Army

Operation Plan

Number: 116/BKR

1. General Situation. It is generally known after the Red Communists achieved victory by seizing Indochina, and the Kingdom of Laos fell under the control of the Red Vietnamese in 1975, how strong the Red Lao army, the Red Vietnamese, and Socialistic Communists were. However, the Lao people know the victory belonged to the Red Vietnamese and so the Red Vietnamese entered and seized Laos, which they still hold to this day. For this reason the fight to liberate the Lao people began and that fight has continued for the past 13 years.

But that fight is still in the shadows, there are no loud voices, and there is no official liberated territory. That's why the external world doesn't have a clue about the struggle for Lao liberation.

This is all because the battle for Lao liberation is all underground. Everything has to be conducted under the political and diplomatic boundaries of the proxy countries. Moreover, the battle has experienced shortages of everything. We have to stand on our own, with the assistance of Lao refugees in third countries all over the globe, until the friendly free countries of the world become empathetic and provide assistance. Then, the Lao Liberation Army will certainly be able to stand up and stride forward to victory in liberating the nation.

Additionally, the Communist Red Lao/Red Vietnamese use the method of absolute control and won't let the people and diplomats, who live in restricted areas like Vientiane, know about all the fighting. Therefore, countries at large don't know about the fighting in Laos and in the end the problem of the Red Vietnamese seizing Laos may be forgotten from the world stage.

2. Condition of the enemy - The Red Vietnamese and Red Lao. At the present time, with the two superpowers having been able to create peace in the world, this has affected the Red Vietnamese being stuck in the middle of a problem and experiencing many weaknesses. For example:

2/1. Red Vietnamese

The former leading Communist country, Russia, has withdrawn from and reduced its assistance to the Red Vietnamese.

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- The Red Vietnamese were chastised by the Red Chinese for 8 years and will be pressured until they release Cambodia.
- The Indochinese populace are not happy with the slavery system of Communist Hanoi. The people of Laos and Cambodia do not accept the presence of the Red Vietnamese in their countries.
- In the United Nations 117 of 157 countries do not accept the Red Vietnamese's invasion of Cambodia and political and economic pressure from Hanoi.
- Hanoi has to take on the fight for the liberation of Laos, the fight of free Vietnamese, and the fight for the liberation of Cambodia.
- The Red Vietnamese of Hanoi have waged war for half a century, causing great suffering among the people of Vietnam who don't accept the policies of the government but don't have a way to fight back because the Communist system has them pinched.

2-2. Red Lao.

When the Red Vietnamese from Hanoi were stuck with many problems, it consequently caused the Communist Red Lao to experience problems with shortages of many things. For example:

- The Red Lao (Khmer Rouge and Red Vietnamese) have fallen into a state of instability, since Russia has withdrawn. This is comparable to how the Free Lao, Free Khmer, and Free Vietnamese fell into a state of instability in 1973 when the United States pulled out and went home.
- The Red Vietnamese have begun withdrawing troops from some locations in Laos.
- The Red Lao have re-established diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level, with Red China.
- The Lao people see clearly the Communist system of slavery. They are most bitter over the occupation of the Red Vietnamese and don't accept the puppet Kaysone. The people thus have turned their faces toward ways of helping the National Liberation Army.
- The Supreme Court of Vientiane pardoned those who had been sentenced to the death penalty, life, or 20 years in prison. They called for those abroad to come back home to develop the country, without refugee status and without any punishment.
- The puppets of Kaysone appear to be looking for a way to negotiate with the

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national liberation force. (They consider this to be their scheme).

- They gave the people the right to vote on 26 June 1988 in order to deceive the people and the world who don't know their methods.

In short, despite their various efforts, Kaysone and company have fallen into a shaky situation due to the pressure of world events. Therefore, the Vietnamese and Kaysone are looking to do everything they can to stay in power and to be in charge of fixing the Lao problem. The most significant thing that the Vietnamese and Kaysone are afraid of is an official declaration of the establishment of liberated areas in the fight for national liberation. This event would cause Kaysone to fall without any means of excusing himself. It would become like the fight for national liberation in Cambodia in which 117 of 157 countries in the UNO ruled in their favor.

3. Friendly Situation. It is generally accepted that the battle of friendly forces at the present time is ineffective only because of a lack of war materiel and financial resources. In terms of moral will, however, the desire to not lose the nation and the country is strong. The National Liberation Front has sacrificed in every way to carry out the fight to this point, with the following objectives and stability:

3/1. Objectives.

- Drive out the Red Vietnamese from their occupation of Laos.
- Restore independence, sovereignty, and territory as the property of all Lao peoples and to guide the future of the nation.
- Gather all of our refugee brothers and sisters from third countries all over the planet back to their homeland to help develop and govern with a free and democratic system.

3/2. National Liberation Forces. We have established guerilla forces and turned a guerrilla force into an National Liberation Army that has the following strength:

- | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| - Region One: | number of troops 3,739 | percent armed 30% |
| - Region Two: | number of troops 4,554 | percent armed 40% |
| - Region Three: | number of troops 1,500 | percent armed 30% |

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- Region Four: number of troops 768 percent armed 50%

- Total number of troops 10,561

- In the said fight, put the people first. By means of psychological operations, combined with the slavery system of the Communists and barbaric dictatorship of the Red Vietnamese which have made the Lao people look for ways to join together in fighting for true national liberation, not less than 90 percent of the can't see because of the Communist system and the absolute dictatorship. All they can do is wait for D-day from the National Liberation Army.

- Seek for help from friendly countries: By earnestly and tirelessly striving and overcoming countless obstacles and privations help proxy countries gain confidence and make many friendly countries interested in finding ways to help us in the future.

3/3. Future plans are as follows:

- Ready the entire guerrilla force of 10,561 to stand on their own.
- Help protect and expand controlled territory.
- Prepare many areas to rise up.
- Combine the forces of freedom and Anti-Red Chinese forces to form a single National Liberation Army, so the fight will be fierce.
- Provide technical specialists in many fields from third countries.
- Open an official National Liberated Zone, which is the only correct way to the international stage, and in this way the fight will achieve a grand victory.

4. Concept of Achieving Objectives.

- When the enemy situation weakens and supportive countries in the Red camp withdraw from the war, it will be the appropriate time to fight to liberate the Lao nation, to march forward to a National Liberated Zone, and to declare to the world to bring the fight for national liberation in Laos to the international stage of the world at the United Nations. If the world learns of the Lao fight for national liberation in the same way as the fight for national liberation in Cambodia has 117 or 157 countries of the UNO acknowledging and

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supporting, it will cause the Red Lao, Kaysone, be reduced in status and lose political points immediately. The fight for Lao national liberation will march forward to the end, being able to resolve the Lao problem more quickly than before. It would also be a way to support the fight for freedom in Vietnam. All of this is the way to force Hanoi into a corner and to eventually concede.

5. National Liberated Area.

Opening an official National Liberated Area is the goal and the key in the fight for the national liberation of Laos. Before a liberated Area can be declared, many preparations must be made. Once a declaration has been made, stability in the territory must be maintained perpetually. The many steps of preparation and the financial needs for each of the steps is outlined in the following table:

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5. Control territory far from the cities.
6. Establish the governing organization of the liberated Area for battle. Completely eradicate the governing system of the enemy. Develop the system of democracy. Turn the hearts of the people to cooperate fully oppose the enemy.
7. Create a mid-sized force in the liberated Area that is ready to operate to further seize territory.

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Second Phase of the Plan

From the first part of 1990 to the end of 1991

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[Table: row 2, column 2]

1. Absolutely guarantee the security of the liberated Area.
2. Increase the number of people in enemy territory as much as possible.
3. Begin mid-sized conflict all over the country.
4. Expand the liberated Area into small cities in localities that afford it.
5. Continue developing all liberated Areas to become prosperous.

[Table: row 2, column 3]

1. Guerrilla forces.
2. Local security forces.
3. Regular military forces.
4. Political, administrative, psychological operations personnel.
5. Set up a main body of 5,000 special training and weapons manufacturing personnel.

[Table: row 2, column 4]

1. Expand the operations of guerrilla forces deep into the enemy rear.
2. Increase the operations of assassination and sabotage in the big cities by infiltrating volunteer special operations units into the cities or by paying people inside enemy organizations to do it as appropriate.
3. Attack and seize weapons, armories, or war materiel.
4. Ambush military units to demoralize the enemy to accept defeat.
5. Expand control into all area that we have seized.
6. Emplace a defensive system to ensure that liberated areas are bigger and stronger.

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7. Organize training for officers and soldiers, police officers and police men, and civil servants who decide to join the fight for national liberation to become an army prepared for long-term liberation operations.

8. Defend the border between Laos and Vietnam.

[Table: row 2, column 5]

- Prepare 10,560 guerrilla troops in the area
- Personnel for training and weapons preparation 5,000, training 1,000 people at a time until complete
- Clothing \$5,000.000
- Weapons/ammunition \$1.6000.000
- Rice \$1.4000.000
- Medicine 200.000
- Housing, transportation, and field \$750.000

Total \$8.950.000

[Table: row 3, column 1]

Third Phase of the Plan

From the first part of 1992 to the end of 1993

[Table: row 3, column 2]

1. Commence the attack to get the enemy to surrender.
2. Liberate the entire country.
3. Control all administrative power in the country.

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1. Guerrilla forces.
2. Special volunteer forces.
3. Local security forces
4. Regular military forces of the liberation army.
5. Political, administrative, psychological operations personnel.
6. The people.
7. Friendly forces.

[Table: row 3, column 4]

1. Commence the attack to seize strategic points in order to control various large cities all over the country.
2. Increase defense of the border by coordinating with allies.
3. Increase assassination and sabotage operations at various places in the capital city.
4. Organize the people to rise up and oppose the puppet government.
5. Move forces in to encircle the capital city and various provinces.
6. Seize the capital city and declare the liberation of the country.
7. Declare a government to administer the country.

[Table: row 3, column 5]

- The objectives in the third phase is to rise up in battle all over the country and open and official National Liberated Area.

Needed budget for the third phase

- Clothing \$10.000.000

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- Weapons/ammunition \$3.2000.000
- Rice \$2.8000.000
- Medicine 400.000
- Housing, transportation, and field \$1.500.000

Total \$17.900.000

5.2 Calculating and Scheduling:

If the military, war materiel, and financial means are ready, the time needed for preparations can be shortened. We can consider the first phase of preparation complete and we will march forward into the second phase of preparation and then the third phase immediately after that. It will take only 1 year at the most for the second phase of preparation and we can schedule the opening of the liberated area for the middle of 1989.

The budget estimated for the second phase of preparation is \$8.950.000 U.S. The budget calculated for the third phase, the opening of the liberated area, and maintaining it for a period of 1 year is \$17.900.000 U.S. All totaled with \$26.850.000 U.S. we can establish and maintain a liberated area, as well as be positioned to rise up to battle all over the country and fully cooperate with the people inside. I estimate that we most certainly can liberate Laos and restore her to the system of liberty and democracy.

Dated 19 December 1987

General Vang Pao, Responsible Party

National Liberation Army

Kingdom of Laos

National Liberation Army



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Translator: Steve Stevens

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Translator's office: Salt Lake

Target language: Lao

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The Kingdom of Laos National Liberation Front

Government Order

Number: 136/NRPSL

TO:

[Redacted]

Representative of the United Lao National Liberation Front in Wisconsin

SUBJECT:

Subsistence

- In accordance with a meeting of the United Lao National Liberation Front of the American Continent in Santa Barbara, California, United States of America, on 6 September 1987.

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In order for the United Lao National Liberation Front to be able to open that all-important door of national liberation, we ask that all committee members at all levels of the United Lao National Liberation Front, all members, and all patriotic Lao people, within your own areas of responsibility, volunteer to cooperate with and to offer special support, in terms of subsistence, to the United Lao National Liberation Front at this time in order for the Lao National Liberation Front to reach its planned budget goals according to the following details:

A. Definite plan for expending the budget:

1. Training the troops and essential techniques.
2. Securing weapons and materiel.

B. Desired budget - \$600,000 (six hundred thousand dollars).

C. The plan calls for the amount of \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) from your state.

- D. 1. Military officers and soldiers, police officers and troopers, civil servants, and Lao people who have the kindness, faith, or support to enroll as new members, the

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United Lao National Liberation Front would like to open its doors and invite you join us to unitedly cooperate to retake our country and nation from now on. This invitation for responsibility is given to state, district, and group leaders to disseminate according to the dictates of their faith and support.

2. As for United Lao National Liberation Front committee members of all levels and every member, we ask that each of you decide to offer a special sacrifice in terms of your efforts this time, as you have for so many years, to maintain the honor and valuable benefits of the nation. If you all don't sacrifice at this time for it to become a reality, it will be difficult for the work of national liberation to succeed. It will be as if all of us had just thrown away our effort, assets, blood, land, and Lao nation without ever being able to get it back again.

3. We ask that responsible committee members at all levels take care to ensure that this historic work of national liberation occur without fail.

Each of you who have been the core of the Lao National Liberation Front, you are the official who have direct responsibility for the fate of the nation at the present time, not for any particular person or group. Besides you, it is also the responsibility of each and every patriotic Lao people. For this reason we have commissioned this special order of strong request to each of you and the Lao people.

We hope that you committee members, members of the United Lao National Liberation Front, and all patriotic Lao people of every race won't forget the Lao nation and will volunteer special support for the United Lao National Liberation Front at this time in order succeed in achieving the planned budget goal. In this manner, the Lao nation will be able to continue to stand firm.

4. For those who interested in becoming new members, it's not too late. The time is now. Or for those who just want to express their faith and help their country, you can use the attached form.

5. We ask that you strictly follow this special order. Report results to the center by the end of September (9) 1987.

We hope that you will especially provide your cooperation in order for us to succeed this time in our mission to become a nation.

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Major General Vang Pao

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Date: 05/10/2002

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: CTD/ITOS/TGU

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From: Milwaukee

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Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: Responding to Counterterrorism's lead as set forth in referenced communication.

Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 545

Enclosed: Enclosed for Counterterrorism is one copy each of 10 FD-302s.

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Details: Referenced communication requested that Milwaukee provide an update of captioned case to the Terrorist Groups Unit (TGU), International Terrorism Operations Section, CTD, FBIHQ. Milwaukee was also requested to provide headquarters with specific information/investigation linking Houa Ly and [redacted] with General Vang Pao and information that they were acting under his direction.

For information of Counterterrorism, an NCIC query disclosed that Vang Pao holds a current California Driver's License, and that his residence is listed as 9302 England Avenue, Westminster, California. Information indicates that Vang Pao travels back and forth between Santa Ana, California, and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, on a frequent basis. Vang Pao does occasionally visit Wisconsin to attend Hmong celebrations and other functions. For example, a Lexis/Nexis search disclosed that he was the keynote speaker at a two-day event highlighting Hmong history and veterans at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire this past April.

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Following an extensive review of captioned case files, ten (10) interviews were located where the interviewee provided information that Houa Ly and [] were either linked to Vang Pao or were acting under his direction. A copy of each interview is enclosed for Counterterrorism. Following are the pertinent portions of each interview as they relate to the issue at hand:

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1). Interview of [] (Protect Identity), [] on 06/21/1999. [] advised [] left for Thailand in February 1999. She first said she had no knowledge of his activities or purpose. She later admitted that he had been sent to Thailand on a mission by Major General Vang Pao. She did not know the nature or objectives of the mission or an itinerary of travel within the country.

2). Interview of a [] source [] who is not in position to testify, on 02/22/2000. Source stated that General Vang Pao ordered Houa Ly and [] to cross the Thai border into Laos on April 19, 1999. Source advised that General Vang Pao issues a written order with his signature and seal on it to anyone that he chooses to go over into Laos on a mission. Once these people have been selected to go to Laos and are in Thailand near the Thai/Laos border, the people will call General Vang Pao for final permission to go into Laos. Source stated that the General personally gives an order over the phone for the people to cross over the border into Laos and continue with their mission.

3) Interview of [] (Protect Identity), [] Wisconsin, on 09/12/1999. On 09/12/1999, [] told [] that Houa Ly, [] and himself went to Thailand specifically to arrange a military operation in Hoi-Xay Province, Laos, to overthrow the local provincial government. The plan entailed purchasing 3000 small arms in Thailand from an unknown military official, which would then be distributed to all the personnel involved. The arms deal did not go through due to unknown delays and only 20 rifles were secured.

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[] also told [] that he was not an actual eyewitness to the disappearance of Houa Ly and [] on 04/19/1999 in Thailand. [] and [] were not present at the Mekong River at the time of the disappearance. [] admitted to [] to making a mistake in going along with the story that he and [] were eye witnesses to boat crossing on the Mekong River which was a fabricated story to make the kidnaping more believable.

4) Interview of [] (Protect Identity), [] on 03/03/2000. [] advised that General Vang Pao does send people to Laos on missions for the resistance movement, and

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issues a written order to them, which has a unique red stamp on the document.

5) Interview of [redacted] (Protect Identity), [redacted] on 03/22/2000. [redacted] advised that Houa Ly and [redacted] were on a political mission to Laos for the purpose of [redacted] against the Government of Laos (GOL). [redacted] also advised that [redacted] took over Houa Ly's position as General Vang Pao's representative in charge of the Hmong community for Wisconsin upon Houa Ly's death.

6) Interview of [redacted] (Protect Identity), [redacted] on 04/05/2000. [redacted] advised that General Vang Pao or [redacted] sent Houa Ly and [redacted] on a mission. [redacted] was referring to the mission into Laos on April 19th, 1999, in which Houa Ly and [redacted] disappeared. b6
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7) Interview of a [redacted] Source [redacted] who is not in a position to testify, on 02/27/2001. Source stated that many Hmong travel to Thailand, ostensibly to work for the resistance. Most, however are only going over to party with the Thai women who are very beautiful. Source stated that the above was not true for [redacted] and Houa Ly. They were sent by Vang Pao to bring money and to recruit fighters for the resistance.

8) Interview of [redacted] source [redacted] who is not in a position to testify, on 09/06/2000. Source advised that on 09/30/2000, he/she was present at a dinner with General Vang Pao and many other Hmong men. Source advised that [redacted] is Vang Pao's main representative for the State of Minnesota. [redacted] stated that he was concerned about his physical safety and being associated with General Vang Pao. [redacted] stated that he did not want to get sent on a mission like Houa Ly and [redacted] and wind up meeting their fates. General Vang Pao was noticeably upset by this comment and showed his displeasure and anger.

9) Interview of [redacted] on 04/07/2000. [redacted] heard from his brother of the disappearance of Houa Ly and [redacted] in Laos and knew that Houa Ly was an important member of General Vang Pao's organization in Wisconsin.

10) Interview of [redacted] on 07/19/2000. [redacted] advised that he heard in the Hmong community that Houa Ly was on a mission for General Vang Pao." b6
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With the exception of the abovementioned interviews, Milwaukee has no direct evidence linking Houa Ly or [redacted] to Vang Pao, or that they were acting on behalf of Vang Pao's Neo Hom resistance movement.

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While a great deal has been learned about Vang Pao's Neo Hom fund raising activities and insurgency operations, there is insufficient evidence for any prosecutive action against Vang Pao at this time. A major impediment to the investigation seems to be the reluctance of individuals, with direct knowledge of Vang Pao and his activities, to be completely candid and/or testify against him.

Following a review of more than 70 interviews which were conducted in connection with either Milwaukee's Neutrality Case or Bangkok's Foreign Police Cooperation Case (Houa Ly and [redacted] disappearance), Milwaukee found that almost all the individuals interviewed can be broken down into the following three categories: 1) sources who are not in a position to testify; 2) individuals who provided information but requested that their identities be protected; 3) and individuals who have reportedly been identified as supporters or members of General Vang Pao's organization, but who deny knowing anything substantive about the Neo Hom or Vang Pao's involvement in insurgency operations.

For example, [redacted] a source who is not in a position to testify, advised that he/she believes that if Vang Pao found out he/she was speaking with the FBI, Vang Pao would have him/her or members of his/her family killed. Source stated that he/she used to fear the communists, but he/she now fears General Vang Pao.

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The source has provided a wealth of information about Vang Pao's insurgency activities. In fact, Vang Pao ordered source to go to Laos and fight against the Lao Communists in 1992. Source

[redacted]
[redacted] Source [redacted]
[redacted] base that was being used by the Lao People's Army as an Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) at Xieng Lom, Laos. Source stated [redacted]
[redacted]

In 1996, Vang Pao personally came to the source and asked source to go back to Laos. This time, source went back as a Logistic Officer for another insurgency operation into Laos. Source's job during the 1996 mission was to keep the Hmong soldiers supplied with ammunition, weapons and food. Source stated that during the 1996 mission, Hmong soldiers crossed into Laos and engaged in interdicting river traffic on the Mekong River. The Mekong River is a main source of transportation within the country of Laos. Other groups of Hmong soldiers went into the mountainous region and engaged in skirmishes with the Laotian People's Army (LPA). During the 1996 operation, Hmong soldiers inflicted 415 casualties on the LPA.

Additionally, during an interview of [redacted] (Protect Identity) on 03/20/2000, [redacted] acknowledged that he had been

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[redacted] back in Laos and that he had worked closely with General Vang Pao. [redacted] advised that "he knows General Vang Pao did kill rivals back in Thailand."

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In what Milwaukee believes was an effort to cover-up the failed insurgency mission of [redacted] and Houa Ly, [redacted] (Protect Identity), has advised that [redacted] was being made by Major General Vang Pao to not tell the truth about the incident of Houa Ly and [redacted] which occurred on 04/19/1999. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] wants to tell the truth but the influence of the General was preventing him from doing so.

Whether their fears are real or imagined is unknown; however, their concerns may not be without some foundation. ACS text searches revealed two interviews conducted in a Public Corruption case, file number 194B-SC-23790, where Vang Pao was mentioned. The first interview was of [redacted] Fresno Police Department, Traffic Division, on 09/08/1998. [redacted] remembered trouble with Hmong General Pao Vang visiting the 1993 Hmong New Year's Celebration. [redacted] stated that Vang likes to travel with an entourage of gun-toting bodyguards carrying fully automatic weapons.

The second interview was of [redacted] Fresno Police Department, Commander of the Northwest District. [redacted] was involved with the Hmong New Year's Celebration held annually at the Fresno fairgrounds. [redacted] advised that he thought that 1993 was the year when there was difficulty in keeping Hmong General Pao Vang's bodyguards from carrying firearms, and specifically fully automatic weapons, into the fairgrounds.

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With regard to current investigative efforts, Milwaukee obtained a large banker's box full of Neo Hom National Liberation Front documents from [redacted] a source who is not in a position to testify. However, the documents are written almost exclusively in Laotian and date back to the mid-to-late 1980's. Approximately 15 of these documents have been reviewed by a Bureau Contract Linguist who, although not certified in Laotian, has provided summary translations which are believed to be accurate. Of the 15 document which were reviewed, three (3) were selected to be translated by the Laotian Language Specialist. Albeit historic, these specific documents were selected because they appeared to reflect the elements of the Neutrality Act, Title 18, USC, Section 956, namely the fund-raising, purchase of weapons and supplies, and Neo Hom attacks and skirmishes in Laos. Following is a preliminary summary of the documents in question:

1) A Neo Hom National Liberation Front administrative order dated September 14, 1987, signed by Commander in Chief Major General Vang Pao. The document was sent to the State of Wisconsin Representative of the Neo Hom National Liberation Front. This document

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refers to a conference held by the American-based Neo Hom National Liberation Front in Santa Ana, California, on September 6, 1987. It describes a budget expenditure plan of \$600,000.00 for the training of troops and the attainment of sufficient weaponry. It also solicits contributions to meet the required budget.

2) A Neo Hom National Liberation Front document dated June 21, 1988, addressing the maintenance of "secret" military documents of the Neo Na. An attached document requested a budget for training and equipment for 1000 men. The equipment requested for each soldier included the following: One AK gun, two suits, a pairs of shoes, two sets of camouflage shirts and pants, and food for 60 days. The signature at the bottom of the document is unintelligible, but written above the signature was Major General Vang Pao, Head of the Liberation Army.

3) A Neo Hom National Liberation Front Monthly Report for January 1986. The report was sent to the General who is responsible for the Neo Hom National Liberation Front (not further identified). It advised that Military Region 2 dispatched one small team of 23 men to carry out attacks. It advises of eight (8) skirmishes and four (4) ambushes by the aforesaid team in Laos. The document is signed by the Commander of Military Region 2 - Chief of Staff.

On 03/28/2002, Milwaukee sent the abovementioned documents to a certified Laotian Language Specialist, who is assigned to the Salt Lake City Division. Milwaukee would like to have many more of these documents translated; however, it would likely place an undue burden on the Bureau's only certified Laotian Language Specialist.

To focus investigative efforts towards building a successful case against Vang Pao, Milwaukee is setting forth a summary of the relevant criminal statutes and case law concerning the Neutrality Act. The summary was written by the Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice. They found that the two most relevant statutes are Title 18, United States Code, Section 960 and 956. These criminal statutes provide the following:

Title 18, United States Code, Section 960 - Expedition against friendly nation

Whoever, within the United States, knowingly begins or sets on foot or provides or prepares a means for or furnishes the money for, or takes part in, any military or naval expedition or enterprise to be carried on from thence against the territory or dominion of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district, or people with whom the United States is at peace, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years or both.

The elements of a Section 960 violation are as follows:

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- (1) preparations within the United States;
- (2) for a military expedition or enterprise;
- (3) to be carried on from the United States;
- (4) against foreign territory controlled by an entity with which the United States is at peace.

Section 960 applies by its terms to anyone "within the United States" and is not limited to just U.S. Citizens. The language "begins or sets on foot," though antiquated, makes it a criminal offense for the first effort or proposal by individuals to form a military enterprise. Pursuant to the language "provides or prepares a means for," acts that aid such a military enterprise, such as contributions of money, clothing, provisions, transportation or arms, constitute an offense. For actions to constitute a "military expedition or enterprise" as those terms are used in the statute, courts have said that there are three required elements: concert of action, arms for a military purpose, and common leadership. The language "carried on from thence" has been interpreted by the courts to allow an expedition to proceed from the United States to an intermediate destination before advancing on its intended target. The requirement that the actions be taken against an entity with which the United States is "at peace" poses some difficulty.

Title 18, United States Code, Section 956 - Conspiracy to kill, kidnap, maim, or injure persons or damage property in a foreign country -

(a)(1) Whoever, within the jurisdiction of the United States, conspires with one or more other persons, regardless of where such other person or persons are located, to commit at any place outside the United States an act that would constitute the offense of murder, kidnaping, or maiming if committed in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States shall, if any of the conspirators commits an act within the jurisdiction of the United States to effect any object of the conspiracy, to be punished as provided in subsection (a) (2).

(2) The punishment for an offense under subsection (a)(1) of this section is -

- (A) imprisonment for any term of years or for life if the offense is conspiracy to murder or kidnap; and
- (B) imprisonment for not more than 35 years if the offense is conspiracy to maim.

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(b) Whoever, within the jurisdiction of the United States, conspires with one or more persons, regardless of where such other person or persons are located, to damage or destroy specific property situated within a foreign country and belonging to a foreign government or to any political subdivision thereof with which the United States is at peace, or any railroad, canal, bridge, airport, airfield, or other public utility, public conveyance, or public structure, or any religious, educational, or cultural property so situated, shall, if any of the conspirators commits an act within the jurisdiction of the United States to effect any object of the conspiracy, be imprisoned not more than 25 years.

The elements of a Section 956 (b) violation are as follows:

- (1) a conspiracy between two or more persons;
- (2) to damage or destroy specific property situated within a foreign country and belonging to a foreign government or any political subdivision thereof;
- (3) or to damage and destroy any railroad, canal, bridge, airport, airfield, or other public utility, public conveyance, or public structure, or any religious, educational, or cultural property so situated;
- (4) for a foreign country with which the United States is at peace;
- (5) at least one act to effect any object of the conspiracy must be committed within the jurisdiction of the United States.

Under Section 956 (b), the property that was damaged or destroyed, or was the object of the conspiracy to damage or destroy, must be described with a degree of specificity to satisfy the statutory language in paragraphs 2 and 3 supra. The requirement that the United States be "at peace" with the foreign country has withstood constitutional challenge on void for vagueness grounds.

With the above statutes in mind, Milwaukee's future investigative efforts will focus on selective interviews and re-interviews of several individuals in an effort to develop additional sources, and preferably sources who will testify against Vang Pao.

One such interview will be of a [redacted] named [redacted] During an extensive Test Search in ACS using "Vang Pao" as the search criteria, two documents were located which

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are of particular interest. The first document, dated 10/29/1998, was an FD-302 (245E-PD-42312) of a telephone conversation in Laotian between [redacted] In their conversation, [redacted] tells [redacted] that she has a new Hmong [redacted] She later states that [redacted] of General Vang Pao's [redacted] (not further identified) and that he is [redacted] in command to General Vang Pao. She did not identify [redacted] by name, but did note that [redacted] continued his education in the United States for six years, and works for the government. b6 b7C

The second document, also an FD-302 (90B-PD-40073) was dated 03/31/1999. It is an interview of [redacted] aka [redacted] date of birth [redacted] at the United States Attorney's Office, 1000 Southwest Third Avenue, Portland, Oregon, pursuant to the terms of a proffer agreement between [redacted] and the United States of America. Present was her counsel, [redacted] and Special Agents [redacted] [redacted], of the FBI and [redacted] of the DEA. Following is the complete text of the information which is pertinent to captioned investigation: [redacted] current [redacted] [redacted] is General Vang Pao's [redacted] Many years ago General Vang Pao fought the Lao communists with the help of the CIA but is residing in Santa Ana, California. [redacted] wants to help the Lao revolution against the communists by applying for aid from Japan, South Korea, France, Thailand, and the United States. [redacted] is working with Lao soldiers in an attempt to win Laos back from the communists. [redacted] is currently in Laos but resides in Seattle, Washington.

Milwaukee has learned that [redacted] pled guilty on 02/29/2000 and received 46 months in prison followed by five (5) years probation for Conspiracy to Distribute and Import Heroine. [redacted] inmate number [redacted] is currently incarcerated at the [redacted] AUSA [redacted] Eastern District of Wisconsin, has authorized SA [redacted] travel to Phoenix to interview [redacted] [redacted] concerning [redacted] Vang Pao, and the resistance movement.

In addition, Milwaukee is considering re-interviewing select individuals, two in Wisconsin and one in Minnesota, who may be able to provide information regarding Vang Pao's material support to the resistance and his complicity in ordering the insurgency missions into Laos in 1996 and 1999. Additional interviews may be conducted as the investigation progresses.

Milwaukee believes that an additional interview of [redacted] [redacted] may be productive in view of the fact a Neo Hom document was discovered during a trash cover conducted on his residence. The document, which is written in Laotian, was translated by the same Bureau Contract Linguist previously mentioned in this communication. The Neo Hom document is dated 04/05/2000 and is signed by Commander in

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Chief, Major-General Vang Pao. The summary translation indicates [redacted] was appointed as an official to be responsible for various duties for the cause of the political movement to Lao members towards achieving free democracy. The document advised of two conferences, one in Santa Ana, California and the other in St. Paul, Minnesota. The document calls for each official to submit an initial contribution of \$2000 USD. The initial contribution was to send reinforcements to strengthen the troops on the front lines and help to enable them to move and crush our enemies in all areas where they are currently stationed. b6 b7C b7D

As previously mentioned, [redacted] told [redacted] (Protect Identity) that Houa Ly, [redacted] and himself went to Thailand specifically to arrange a military operation in Hoi-Xay Province, Laos, to overthrow the local provincial government. Milwaukee is hopeful that confronting [redacted] with the abovementioned Neo Hom document, which was obtained from "someone in Minnesota", may induce him to be either more cooperative or make incriminating statements about Vang Pao's involvement in fund raising for insurgency operations and his own involvement in the 1999 insurgency mission at the direction of Vang Pao. This information is relevant to satisfying several elements under Sections 956 and 960.

Milwaukee also believes [redacted] may be in a position to provide information regarding the 1996 Neo Hom insurgency mission into Laos. Although [redacted], a source who is not in position to testify, identified [redacted]

[redacted] (Protect Identity) denied ever going to Thailand or Laos on a political or military mission for General Pao's resistance movement. However, he did acknowledge being a member of the United Front for the Liberation of Laos, but only for one year. His denial is interesting in view of his acknowledgment that Vang Pao sends people to Laos on missions for the resistance and that he issues written orders bearing a unique red stamp. It is also encouraging that [redacted] voluntarily contacted the original interviewing agent twice following his initial interview. In those contacts, [redacted] advised that Houa Ly and [redacted] were on a political mission to Laos for the purpose of fighting against the Government of Laos (GOL). His cooperation in providing his own set of written orders issued and signed by Vang Pao and his willingness to authenticate them in court are pertinent to satisfying the statutes under Sections 956 and 960. b6 b7C b7D

The third anticipated interview will be of [redacted] a Hmong Police Officer who is employed by the St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department. [redacted] has been described as an enforcer for Vang Pao's resistance movement. [redacted] was previously interviewed on 03/09/2000, at which time he provided some interesting statements which need to be further explained. [redacted] advised that he, [redacted] and [redacted] all served under Vang Pao in Laos in the early 1970's. He also described Vang Pao as "our leader." [redacted] stated that Vang Pao is

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very well respected by the U.S. Government and that he confers daily with an individual [] described as an "FBI guy." The identity of this individual was apparently not pursued in the interview. More importantly, [] advised that Vang Pao arranges and coordinates the travel of Hmong-Americans to Thailand to meet with representatives in that country to assist in providing items supporting democracy and human rights. The assistance is limited to provisions of food, clothing and medicine to freedom fighters remaining in Laos. [] iterated that General Vang Pao consults attorneys concerning the legality of providing humanitarian aid and was advised not to support the purchase of arms or ammunition.

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[] statements are significant because he is a Vang Pao supporter, who arguably has incriminated Vang Pao in the support of military actions against the Government of Laos (GOL). It is Milwaukee's opinion that providing food and medicine is crucial to the support and maintenance of a fighting force, especially when the intent is to label the assistance as "humanitarian aid" and willfully side-stepping the more flagrant act of purchasing ammunition and weapons. Milwaukee contends that Vang Pao's act of providing food, clothing and medicine to freedom fighters (resistance troops) in Laos is a violation of Section 956, conspiracy to murder and maim the freedom fighter's opposition. Furthermore, the language "provides or prepares a means for," in Section 960 specifically refers to acts such as contributions of money, clothing, provisions, and constitutes an offense when aiding a military enterprise.

Investigation continuing. Milwaukee considers the lead in referenced communication covered.

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Source not in a position to testify provided the following information:

On January 18, 2002, NHIA LONG XIONG, head of the Minnesota chapter of the Neo Hom, was killed along with his youngest son in a car accident in Minnesota. Foul play is not suspected in the accident.

In December of 2001, XIONG went on a trip to Thailand with [redacted] aka [redacted] was General VANG PAO's operations officer during the war in Laos at Long Chiang airbase, Long Chiang, Laos. XIONG was surprised and shocked at the poor conditions the Hmong resistance fighters were living in. XIONG thought more money collected by General VANG PAO and NEO HOM had made it to the resistance. During the trip XIONG and [redacted] met with resistance members at one of the Hmong refugee camps. XIONG and [redacted] were surrounded by the [redacted] [redacted] detained and questioned. XIONG was afraid he was going to be put in a Thai prison. XIONG and [redacted] paid a bribe to the [redacted] in order to go free.

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GENERAL VANG PAO, wanted to meet with XIONG after the trip to Thailand, on December 18, 2001. XIONG refused to meet with General VANG PAO. XIONG was going to resign from NEO HOM due to his disappointment with General VANG PAO.

In February, 2002 after the Lao national elections, General VANG PAO is going to announce a government in exile located in Thailand.

[redacted] is familiar to source as a fund raiser for the Lao resistance. No further information was known about SCOTT.

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Synopsis: Document investigation and report information concerning [redacted]

Details: On 05/02/2002, the writer conducted an extensive Test Search in ACS using "Vang Pao" as the search criteria. Two documents were located which were of particular interest. The first document, dated 10/29/1998, was an FD-302 (245E-PD-42312) of a telephone conversation in Lao between [redacted] In their conversation, [redacted] tells [redacted] that she has a new Hmong boyfriend. She later states that he [redacted] of General Vang Pao's [redacted] (not further identified) and that he is "second in command" to General Vang Pao. She did not identify [redacted] by name, but did note that he graduated from a law school in Laos, continued his education in the United States for six years, and "works for the government".

The second document, also an FD-302 (90B-PD-40073) was dated 03/31/1999. It is an interview of [redacted] aka [redacted] date of birth [redacted] at the United State Attorney's Office, 1000 Southwest Third Avenue, Portland, Oregon, pursuant to the terms of a proffer agreement between [redacted] and the United States of America. Present was her counsel, [redacted] and Special Agents [redacted] of the FBI and [redacted] of the DEA. Following is the complete text of the information which is pertinent to captioned investigation: [redacted] current [redacted] [redacted] is General Vang Pao's [redacted] Many years ago General Vang Pao fought the Lao communists with the help of the CIA but is residing in Santa Ana, California. [redacted] wants to help the Lao revolution against the communists by applying for aid from Japan, South Korea,

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France, Thailand, and the United States. [] is working with Lao soldiers in an attempt to win Laos back from the communists. [] is currently in Laos but resides in []

On 05/02/2002, an NCIC inquiry disclosed that [] date of birth [] was charged with Conspiracy to Distribute and Import Heroine. [] pled guilty on 02/29/2000 and received 46 months in prison followed by five (5) years probation. The NCIC printouts are attached to this document.

On 05/02/2002, the writer contacted AUSA [] and informed him of the above information and of the writer's desire to interview [] concerning [] and his involvement in Laotian resistance activities and association with Vang Pao. AUSA requested that the writer contact the Portland AUSA to determine the conditions of [] plea agreement. AUSA [] further requested that the writer keep him apprised of any further developments in this matter. b6 b7C

On 05/03/2002, the writer contacted AUSA [] concerning the plea agreement of [] AUSA [] advised that the language of the agreement contains the provision that she cooperate with the FBI and other law enforcement authorities concerning her knowledge of drug matters. The plea agreement does not require her cooperation in other areas. AUSA [] suggested that the writer discuss this matter with the FBI Agent who handled the investigation, SA [] AUSA [] stated that [] is not presently represented and advised that she could be located through the National Inmate Locator Service at (202) 307-3126.

On 05/03/2002, a telephonic inquiry with the Bureau of Prisons at the abovementioned telephone number disclosed that [] inmate number [] is currently incarcerated at the []

On 05/07/2002, the writer spoke to SA [], Portland Division, regarding his recollection of [] SA [] advised that he established a rapport with [] during his investigation and he offered his assistance in an interview of [] in the future. Based upon the writer's experience that "relationships" are significant when interacting with individuals from certain Asian cultures, the writer believes that SA [] presence would enhance the probability of having a successful interview. b6 b7C

On 05/07/2002, the writer spoke to AUSA [] and informed him of the discussions with AUSA [] and SA []. AUSA [] subsequently authorized SA [] travel to Phoenix to

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interview [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED], Vang Pao, and the
resistance movement.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/23/2002

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: CTD/ITOS/TGU

SSA [REDACTED] Room 5425
IOS [REDACTED] Room 5425

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Attn: Regional Translation Center,
SLS [REDACTED]

From: Milwaukee

Squad 5

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending) - 575

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: Requesting translation of Neo Hom documents written in
Laotian.

Administrative: Reference telcal from SA [REDACTED], Milwaukee, to SLS
[REDACTED], Regional Translation Center (RTC), on
05/23/2002.

Enclosures: Enclosed for RTC are two copies each of two (2) Neo Hom
documents written in Laotian.

Details: Captioned investigation is based upon information that Major
General Vang Pao, a United States citizen of Hmong descent, is
providing support to Neo Hom, an armed resistance movement directed
against the communist regime in Laos. Because the U.S. is at peace
with Laos, these activities are in violation of the Neutrality Act, a
criminal violation.

Milwaukee is in possession of a large number of Neo Hom
documents from the mid to late 1980's. A preliminary review disclosed
that several documents, some of which are signed by Vang Pao, are
pertinent to Milwaukee's Neutrality investigation. Milwaukee
therefore requests that a Bureau Contract Linguist provide a verbatim
translation of the enclosed documents.

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To: Salt Lake From: Milwaukee
Re: 2-MW-39584, 05/23/2002

LEAD(s):

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2:

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AT SALT LAKE CITY, UT

Milwaukee requests that a Bureau Contract Linguist provide a verbatim translation of the enclosed documents.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/23/2002

To: Milwaukee

From: Milwaukee

Squad 5

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending) - 516

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS;

Synopsis: Requesting that 2-MW-40429 be consolidated into
2-MW-39584.

Details: Due to fact that both captioned investigations have
identical titles, it is requested that 2-MW-40429 be consolidated into
2-MW-39584.

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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 01/25/2001

To: Minneapolis

Attn: SSA [redacted]

From: Milwaukee

Squad 8

Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-MW-NEW (Pending)

Title: MAJOR GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA - NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: Request consolidation of Minneapolis file, 2-MP-55311,
into above captioned file.

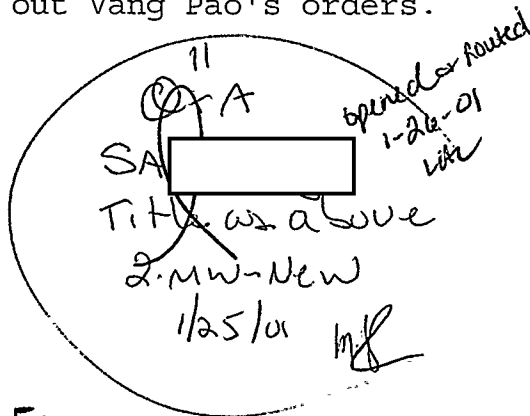
Reference: Telcall between Milwaukee SSA [redacted] and
Minneapolis SSA [redacted]

Details: Information from past investigation has indicated that
former Major General Vang Pao is raising money in the Hmong
community in Wisconsin to support neutrality act violations
against the Government of Laos (GOL).

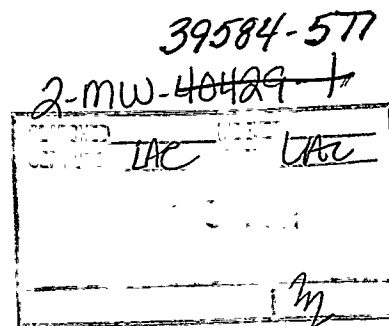
Two sources, whose reliability has been proven to be
highly accurate for more than one year, report that Vang Pao has
collected millions of dollars from the Hmong community with the
premise that the money will be used to fund the Neo Hom
resistance movement in Thailand and Laos to overthrow the GOL.

The Neo Hom uses a simple and tight-knit system of
trusted Hmong male members to collect and move the money to Vang
Pao. Sources report that Vang Pao keeps 80%-90% of the money.
The rest goes to support Hmong resistance operations overseas.

Specifically in Wisconsin, [redacted] Asian male,
is the Neo Hom representative that reports directly to Vang Pao
and carries out Vang Pao's orders.



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To: Minneapolis From: Milwaukee
Re: 2-MW-NEW , 01/25/2001

[redacted] Asian male, is the [redacted] for Neo Hom in Wisconsin. [redacted] is responsible for collecting monies in Wisconsin for Neo Hom and insuring they are delivered to Vang Pao. [redacted] also reportedly keeps records on the collected money in a brief case that he keeps in personal possession at all times. [redacted] most likely has orders from Vang Pao to have any money collected delivered directly to Vang Pao via a Neo Hom courier who would pick up the money and drive it straight to Vang Pao in Minnesota.

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Past Neo Hom documents show a historical trend in the collection of money by Vang Pao for use in insurgency operations against the GOL. Document detailing money being collected specifically for the resistance and the purchase of arms is well documented.

Vang Pao also sells military officer commissions and civilian positions in a "government in exile" to Hmongs in Wisconsin and across the country. The idea behind the scam is the get money up front to allow Hmongs to get and keep fictitious governmental positions (i.e, colonel, general, town mayor, provincial commissioner, or cabinet minister, etc.). The buyers are then told to contribute a set amount each month to Neo Hom in order to keep their rank or title. The positions are supposed to become real positions of power in Laos when Vang Pao and the Neo Hom overthrow the GOL and Vang Pao is self-installed as the new Prime Minister of Laos. Evidence of this scam is also well documented.

Critical to this case is information collected by the Minneapolis Division on the Neo Hom which is headquartered with Vang Pao in Saint Paul, Minnesota. It is requested that Minneapolis investigation, 2-MP-55311 targeted against General Vang Pao be closed and all files be sent to Milwaukee for review and incorporation into the captioned case.

To: Minneapolis From: Milwaukee
Re: 2-MW-NEW , 01/25/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WI

Open a neutrality act investigation targeted against
Major General Vang Pao and the Neo Hom.

Set Lead 2: (Adm)

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Minneapolis is requested to close and consolidate file
2-MP-55311 in to captioned Milwaukee file.

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Source who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

Source was provided a letter dated 12/02/2000, written in the Laotian language, signed by General Vang Pao, and stamped with the country seal of Laos. The letter was translated into English and are both attached heretofore.

In summary, the letter, signified as a, "Special Official Order," is addressed to all representatives and members of the eighteen Ministries of the Neo Hom Government, advising of Neo Hom's lobbying efforts in the U. S. House of Representatives and Senate, to condemn the Communist Government of Laos. Also, the letter informs that through Neo Hom's efforts, the U.S. Congress issued a resolution that would prevent the U.S. Ambassador to Laos from returning to post in Laos until Lee Houa, [REDACTED], and members of the Lao Royal Family are freed.

As a result of these efforts, and in order to continue, Vang Pao advises that each member must contribute \$1,000. Members are to send their contribution to [REDACTED]

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Date dictated 3/13/2001

by SA [REDACTED] aac

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KINGDOM OF LAOS
NEO HOM POT POY KOU XAT
(UNITED FRONT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION)

SPECIAL OFFICIAL ORDER

No 079/NHPXL/00

TO: All Representatives and Members of 18 Ministries (Neo Hom Government):

This is to inform you that the international (political) evolution came to the point that we must work hard inside (our organization). We consider the resolutions 240, 169 and 309 of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate as a support and an encouragement to our politics. These three resolutions condemn the Lao Communists for their human rights abuses, their non respect of freedom of speech and religions, their dictatorship, their non respect of the neutrality of Laos stipulated by the Geneva Accords of 1962 and the Vientiane Agreement of 1973 signed by the Lao leftists (communists) and the Lao rightists (non communists) and related to the national reconciliation of Laos. In addition, the U.S. Congress issued another resolution which prevents (the U.S. Government) to send an U.S. ambassador back to Laos before (the Lao communists) frees Mr. Lee Houa, Michael Vang and the Lao Royal family members who were sent to Muong Viengsay, Samneua Province (of Laos).

The Communist Lao Government is a corrupted government which sells opium, kills the population without any reason, does not develop the country, but sell national resources to foreign countries. As a result, the Lao population does not have anything to eat and to shelter.

For these reasons, the Laotian people has arose en mass to fight the Lao communists from North to South of the country. They are not happy with the Vietnamese who came to swallow Laos. Therefore, the Laotian people called upon us to go back to Laos to help them. It is a good opportunity for us to go back to Laos to help them.

Dear parents and relatives, I will never forget you for helping me create situations (in Laos) over past decades to the point that now we meet the goals that we have planned. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you (for your assistance). There is no ethnic group which does well as we do. We have started (our job) and we must continue until we see the result very soon. I urge all of you to cooperate with me until we get the result, because we lack a budget. Therefore, I call upon all of you and ask each of you to give a financial contribution as follows:

Each of all members of the 18 ministries (of Neo Hom Government)
must contribute \$1,000,00.

I ask all of you to contribute actively to this budget, because the opportunity cannot wait for us. Currently, our relatives who live in Laos are attacked by the Lao communists who use artillery, guns and all kinds of chemical weapons. We must find some way to help them survive. I hope to receive full cooperation from all of you.

The financial contribution must be sent to the
 by December 20, 2000. The address is as follows:



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Head Quarter, December 05, 2000

President of Neo Hom Pot Poy Kou Xat of the U.S.A.

Signature

Phagna Porapamock General Vang Pao

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/13/2001

To: Counterterrorism
Sacramento
Milwaukee

Attn: SSA [redacted]
Fresno RA - SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

From: Minneapolis
Sqd. 6/St. Paul RA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:aac

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Case ID #: 2-MW-40429-³ (Pending)

Title: Major General Vang Pao;
DBA - Neo Hom;
United Front for the Liberation of Laos
Neutrality Matters

Synopsis: Advisement of receipt of letter written by Vang Pao
and request to interview [redacted]

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for the Bureau and Sacramento is one copy
each, of an FD-302 dated 3/02/2001. Enclosed for Milwaukee is one
original and copy and of same FD-302 and the original letter
provided by asset.

(S) Details: For the information of recipients, on 3/2/2001,
[redacted] who is known to be reliable, provided for
investigative retention, one letter dated 12/5/2001, along with
an English translation of the contents of the letter.

In summary, the letter, signified as a "Special
Official Order," is addressed to all representatives and members
of the eighteen Ministries of the Neo Hom Government, advising of
Neo Hom's lobbying efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives
and Senate to condemn the Communist Government of Laos. Also, the
letter informs that through Neo Hom's efforts, the U.S. Congress
issued a resolution that would prevent the U. S. Ambassador to
Laos from returning to his/her post in Laos until Lee Houa,
[redacted] and members of the Lao Royal Family are freed.

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As a result of these efforts, and in order to continue
its work, Vang Pao, dba, Neo Hom, advises that each member must
contribute \$1,000, and are directed to send their contribution to

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To: Counterterrorism From: Minneapolis
Re: 2-MW-40429, 03/13/2001

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1:

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and Clear.

Set Lead 2:

SACRAMENTO

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

Locate and interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] regarding his position in Neo
Hom, his knowledge of the letter, and also his knowledge of, and
association with Vang Pao.

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Set Lead 3:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE

Read and Clear.

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Source who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information:

Source was provided a letter dated 12/02/2000, written in the Laotian language, signed by General Vang Pao, and stamped with the country seal of Laos. The letter was translated into English and are both attached heretofore.

In summary, the letter, signified as a, "Special Official Order," is addressed to all representatives and members of the eighteen Ministries of the Neo Hom Government, advising of Neo Hom's lobbying efforts in the U. S. House of Representatives and Senate, to condemn the Communist Government of Laos. Also, the letter informs that through Neo Hom's efforts, the U.S. Congress issued a resolution that would prevent the U.S. Ambassador to Laos from returning to post in Laos until Lee Houa, [REDACTED] and members of the Lao Royal Family are freed.

As a result of these efforts, and in order to continue, Vang Pao advises that each member must contribute \$1,000. Members are to send their contribution to [REDACTED]

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Source, who is not in a position to testify provided the following information:

He returned last week from a trip abroad to visit family. He had been away for several weeks. The trip was uneventful in terms of interest to the interviewing agent.

Upon his arrival home, he found a copy of a letter in his mail box which had been placed there by some unknown person, but had not come via the United States Mail. The letter is dated March 2, 2001, addressed to [redacted] and signed by [redacted]. The letter is also stamped "received Mar 06 2001" [redacted]. The letter is written on Hmong International New Year letterhead stationary.

In content, the letter refers to "Vang's clan and Vang's organizations", which Source interprets to mean General Vang Pao's Neo Hom organization. The letter threatens that the addressees will have their houses and cars burned, and death or injury to themselves and their families if a certain law suit (not further described) is not dropped. Source further stated that Vang's Neo Hom is involved in the Hmong International New Year committee because the festival contributes 10% of its revenue to Vang Pao.

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Source does not know who [redacted] is. He knows many men named [redacted] and does not know which one is referred to in this letter. Neither is he familiar with the law suit that is being mentioned in the letter. Source stated that he has no idea who put the letter in his mail box, or why.

[redacted] has a PhD in a subject like anthropology from a university in the San Francisco Bay Area. [redacted] was a [redacted] in Vang Pao's unit in South East Asia. [redacted] remains active in Vang Pao's organization and now lives in [redacted].

Charlie Vang is a former candidate for Fresno City Council in the mid-90's. Upon his election defeat, he started the bail bond business. He is also active in the Neo Hom.

Investigation on 05/01/2001 at [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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_____ is the _____ of the Hmong New Year. _____ of the Hmong International New Year is _____. All of these people are involved with General Vang's activities. This letter is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

Source advised that he knows _____ is an important person in General Vang Pao's organization. _____ has a PhD in Business and works as an Assistant City Manager for the City of Fresno. His office is in City Hall.

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Source stated that in approximately 1994 when _____ was running for City Council. Certain members of the Hmong Community, including Source, were promised that if they delivered the Hmong Vote for _____ that he _____ would see to it that a Hmong person would be hired in a position of trust and responsibility in the City Manager's office.

Source and his allies were successful in providing Hmong votes for _____ was hired.

Source stated that _____ is General Vang Pao's "Right Hand Man" and his secretary. Vang Pao is unable to read and write English, and _____ is his California translator. There is another translator in the Minneapolis area. Vang Pao is able to read and write in Laotian.

A letter written in Laotian called "Special Official Order No 079/NPHXL/00" and dated December 5, 2000 was exhibited to source. Upon reading the letter, source advised that it was written by _____ to solicit \$1000.00 per person from each of the eighteen ministries to provide a budget to help their relatives in Laos who are being attacked by the Lao Communists with guns, artillery and chemical weapons. Source stated that he believed that the letter was written by _____ even though it was signed by Vang Pao, because it asked for the donations to be sent to _____

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As of a few years ago, _____ resided at _____

Source was unaware of the above described request for donations. He stated that in recent years, the Neo Hom has become smaller and much more secretive. This is because of the disillusionment of the Hmong population with regard to Vang Pao and

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his promises, and because the Government has taken an interest in the affairs of the Neo Hom.

Source advised that he last saw General Vang Pao at a dinner at his "nephew's" home during the Hmong New Year celebration. Vang Pao did not appear to be ill, but was very weak. Because he was out of the country at the time, Source is unaware of a speaking engagement in Fresno which the General supposedly missed on March 30, 2001 due to poor health.

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Source, who is not in a position to testify, provided the following information to the interviewing agent:

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[redacted]
[redacted] source advised that General Vang Pao was instrumental in his getting hired. Source stated that [redacted]

Source stated that [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted]

Source stated that [redacted]

Source knows of people [redacted]
[redacted] based on the request from General Vang, [redacted]
[redacted] Source declined to provide the names of the contributors. Source provided [redacted]

[redacted] Source stated that [redacted]

Investigation on 05/10/2001 at [redacted]

File # [redacted] 2-MW-40429, 163-BK-342 ⁵¹⁰ Date dictated 05/13/2001

by SA [redacted]

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Source expressed concern that if General Vang and his organization were to learn that he is talking to the FBI about them, he would be killed. Source provided examples of individuals who have gone against the General who later died. He believes that General Vang caused their deaths, whether by violent means, or by causing them to become sick.

Source stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] asked the source to invite General Vang [REDACTED] At that time, source [REDACTED] The two men met at Wang's Panda, a Chinese restaurant at Shields and Maroa in Fresno. The meal was attended by nearly 30 people.

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The source reported that General Vang and [REDACTED] got along so well that he was never again called sct as the go-between.

The source advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Source related an anecdote which he believes illustrates the above opinion.

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Source advised that [REDACTED]

Source was asked who [REDACTED]

Source advised that [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Source believes that [redacted] is also known as [redacted] helped source [redacted] This was when source and [redacted] Source [redacted]

Source and General Vang are also [redacted]

Source's [redacted]

[redacted] He asked Source's [redacted]

Source advised that he learned that when the agents from Stockton went [redacted] interview him regarding the disappearance of [redacted] and Houa Ly, the agents were told that [redacted] no longer lived there, but in fact he was hiding in the closet. [redacted] did not travel to Thailand as he had planned. [redacted]

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Source will recontact [redacted] to make her available for another interview regarding [redacted] Source advised that he was told that [redacted] got into trouble with General Vang because of the [redacted]

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Source who is not in a position to testify provided the following information to the interviewing agent:

A list of signatures behind a letter regarding [redacted] was exhibited to source who advised that he recognized about half of them. All the signatures which he recognizes are supporters of General Vang Pao (GVP) and members of the Neo Hom. None of the signatures which he recognizes belong to anyone who is not a GVP supporter. b6
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Source advised that the sender of the letter, [redacted]

[redacted]

The following names were recognized by Source:

[redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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Source advised that he is not acquainted with the remainder of the names on the attached list. He stated that those listed appear to all be men.

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Date: 05/23/2001

To: Counterterrorism
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Minneapolis

Attn: SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
St. Paul RA
SA [redacted]

From: Sacramento

FRA 2

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: ~~2-MW-40429~~⁹ (Pending)

Title: MAJOR GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA Neo Hom;
United Front for the Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters

Synopsis: Source contacts regarding [redacted] and results of
interviews of [redacted] (identical to [redacted] and [redacted])
[redacted]

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Milwaukee are FD-302's of [redacted] sources,
original and copies of FD-302's of interviews of [redacted] and
[redacted] and original notes, materials provided by [redacted]
and fax transmission from the Postal Inspector's Office, Fresno
regarding the Post Office Box of [redacted] Also enclosed for
Milwaukee are the original and copy of the FD-302 of [redacted]
and documents provided by [redacted] regarding the Neo Hom.

Details: For information of receiving offices, [redacted]
(identical to [redacted] is employed by [redacted]
[redacted] He obtained his
position in 1994, reportedly due to the Hmong vote [redacted]
[redacted]

This was part of a deal between General Vang and the two
politicians.

[redacted] denied writing either the Laotian letter or its
English Translation, dated 12/05/2000 which required a \$1,000.00
donation by each of the 18 Ministries of the Neo Hom Government.
At first he denied ever seeing the letters, but upon exhibition
of the cover letter signed by himself, he admitted to having seen

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the letters and to have posted them in the US Mail. He declined to state to whom he had sent the letters. The letters were given to him by [redacted] to which the remittances were to be mailed.

[redacted] had no explanation as to why the money was to be addressed to him but sent to [redacted]. He stated that he was not the General Secretary of the Neo Hom, although years ago he had served as [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the telephone number on the letter is his own. He stated that he only heard from one of the recipients of the letter, who he refused to identify. [redacted] said that he told this person to send his money directly to the camps in Thailand. [redacted] denied handling money for the Neo Hom.

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[redacted] advised that from time to time, he has received requests for money from individuals in the camps in Thailand. He sends money to them through Western Union. [redacted] first advised that the money was to be used for guns and ammunition, but later stated that such donations were used for humanitarian aid, such as food and medicine.

[redacted] was interviewed and was largely uncooperative. He denied knowledge of the particulars regarding the letter such as who wrote it, to whom it was sent, how much was received, why [redacted] name was used, but his [redacted] address was used. [redacted] was visibly nervous through out the interview. He was shaking, and sweating.

[redacted] advised that he does not believe that the Neo Hom is a legally constituted entity with any governmental body within the United States. He was advised that if an organization solicits money, it must account for that money for tax purposes.

[redacted] advised that the purpose of the Neo Hom is to help Hmong people left in Southeast Asia by the CIA after the Vietnam War. He became very agitated when describing the perceived abuse of his people by the US Government in that they were United States soldiers (because the CIA paid them to take part in the fighting), who were just left there to be killed after the war was over. [redacted] provided Congressional briefing materials and a video of human rights abuses by Laos against the Hmong.

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Both [redacted] stated that they understood that United States citizens were prohibited from

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engaging in violent acts against a country with which the United States is not at war.

[redacted] provided collection records for the Neo Hom from 1995 forward, and personnel lists, and other documents.

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Fresno considers its lead covered.

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Date of transcription 05/22/2001

[redacted] Asian male, date of birth [redacted]
Social Security Number [redacted] residing at [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted
at his place of employment, [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was advised of the
identity of the interviewing agent and that the inquiry concerned a
letter dated December 5, 2000 requesting that each of the eighteen
ministries of the Neo Hom contribute \$1,000.00. [redacted] thereafter
advised as follows:

The above described letter was exhibited to [redacted] who
advised that although he had heard of the letter, he had not seen
it until now. [redacted] advised that he wrote neither the English
translation nor the Laotian version of the letter.

The cover letter with his signature was then exhibited to
[redacted] who then advised that he had seen the above described
letter, and in fact, had mailed it to the recipients. He did this
at the request of [redacted] the individual who holds the post
office box to which the contributions were supposed to be sent.
[redacted] of General Vang Pao. The telephone number
listed on the cover letter is his.

[redacted] and [redacted]
located [redacted] can be contacted via
his cellular phone, [redacted]

[redacted] had no explanation as to why the contributions
were supposed to be sent to him at [redacted] address. He
advised that there were no arrangements between himself and [redacted]
to negotiate checks for the Neo Hom made payable to himself.
[redacted] denied receiving any of the requested contributions, nor to
knowing whether [redacted] had received any. [redacted] declined to
provide the names of the persons to whom he mailed the letter. He
advised that [redacted] had provided him the list of recipients.

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[redacted] advised that he allowed [redacted] to set it up this
way because [redacted] said it would "facilitate things", and [redacted] is a

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by SA [redacted]

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personal friend and General Vang _____ General Vang is the father figure of the Hmong. _____ advised that despite the above, he and _____ argued about putting _____ name on the letter.

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_____ is not the General Secretary of the Neo Hom, although in 1981, _____ stated that he did not handle the money for the Neo Hom. He believes that _____ might. _____ advised that because he is an American citizen, he is prohibited from handling the money for the Neo Hom.

_____ stated that only one person contacted him regarding the contributions requested by the letter, and he declined to provide the name of that individual. _____ stated that he told this unnamed person that if he wished to donate to the Hmong cause, he should send the money directly to Thailand. This time he stated that the money was to be used for food and medicine, not for guns and ammunition.

_____ advised that he occasionally donates to the Hmong cause. He does this by sending money when asked to the requestor in Thailand. He advised that the money is for those who are fighting the Communists. The money is used for guns and ammunition. This is because the Vietnamese are sending troops into Laos to eliminate the Hmong, and the Laotians are detonating explosives to kill the Hmong.

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_____ stated that he used Western Union to transmit the money to someone in Thailand who will bring it to the camps.

_____ was asked about American Hmong who travel to South East Asia to fight in the resistance. He stated that he understands that a few years ago, some did.

_____ was asked about _____ and Houa Ly. _____ advised that the two men were traveling in Thailand and decided to cross into Laos during the festival when there was free travel between the two countries. They disappeared. _____ stated that Charley Vang was a different story. He was there to fight in the resistance and he was killed.

_____ stated that he understood that it was illegal for American Citizens to participate in armed aggression against a country with which the United States is not at war.

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[redacted] stated that the last time he saw General Vang was approximately a month ago when Vang came to Fresno to visit his family. He did not see General Vang the previous evening.

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Date: 07/24/2001

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Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Drafted By: [REDACTED]:meb

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Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
Neutrality Matter - Laos

Synopsis: Request to close matter and consolidate matter into Milwaukee investigation.

Package Copy: Being forwarded under separate cover for Milwaukee are all serials pertaining to Minneapolis' investigation regarding Vang Pao, et al.

Details: Per previous discussions with Milwaukee, it is requested that captioned matter be closed and thereafter consolidated into Milwaukee's similar investigation entitled, "MAJOR GENERAL VANG PAO, DBA NEO HOM; UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LAOS; NEUTRALITY MATTERS."

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Close matter and consolidate into Milwaukee's investigation.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/26/2002

To: Milwaukee

From: Milwaukee
Squad 6

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *tee*

Drafted By: [redacted] *HC*

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Title: VANG PAO
DBA-Neo Hom
Neutrality Act Violation

Synopsis: To reassign case.

Details: The above captioned case should be reassigned to SA [redacted]
[redacted] squad 5, due to SA [redacted] being transferred to squad 6.

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Attn: CTD/ITOS/TGU

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ALAT [redacted]
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From: Minneapolis
Squad 5/JTTF
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:bh

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General Vang Pao;
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Synopsis: Information obtained regarding Vang Pao.

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[redacted] of General Vang
Pao and has changed his name to [redacted] He lives in [redacted]

Nhia Long Xiong was Vang Pao's representative in
Minnesota. On 02/18/2002, Xiong was killed in a car accident in
Anoka County, Minnesota.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Further information
received will be promptly reported and Minneapolis requests

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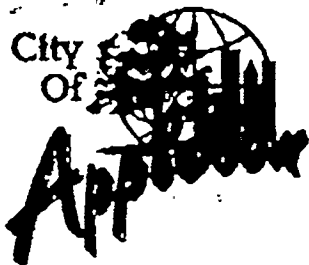
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